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# **2016 ANNUAL REPORTS**



**for the  
TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



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## TOWN OFFICIALS

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**BENNINGTON  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

for the Year Ended December 31, 2016



## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Term Expires

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Jeffrey D. Rose..... March 2017  
James Cleary ..... March 2018  
Steven K. Osienski ..... March 2019

#### **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

Joshua Segal..... March 2017  
Melissa Clark..... March 2018  
Karen Bartlett ..... March 2019

#### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

David McKenzie, Alternate ..... March 2017  
Mary Eppig ..... March 2017  
Jeannette Regis ..... March 2018  
Jill Wilmoth ..... March 2019

#### **MODERATOR**

John J. Cronin, III ..... March 2018

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

Jeffrey Rose, Ex-Officio ..... March 2017  
Sam Cohen ..... March 2017  
Donald Trow ..... March 2018  
David McKenzie, Chair ..... March 2019  
Christopher Maple ..... March 2019

#### **SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Linda Quintanilha ..... March 2018

#### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Victoria Turner, Chair ..... March 2018  
Melissa Searles ..... March 2020  
Brenda Gibbons ..... March 2022

#### **TOWN CLERK**

Debra Belcher ..... March 2019

#### **TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

Mark Mackesy ..... March 2017  
Valerie Germain ..... March 2018  
David Parker..... March 2019

#### **WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Glenn Wilson ..... March 2017  
David Desaulniers ..... March 2018  
John Spanos ..... March 2019



## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Sam	
Cohen 2017 .....	
Anthony Parisi .....	2017
Steven Osienski .....	2018
Christopher Clough, Chair .....	2019
Melissa Clark, Vice Chair .....	2019

## **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Administrator .....	Denise P. French
Deputy Administrator .....	Kristie J. LaPlante

**BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER .....** Dario Carrara

**CHIEF OF POLICE .....** Bret M. Sullivan

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Director .....	Keith W. Nason
Assistant Director .....	Kristie J. LaPlante

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief .....	Michael C. Roina
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**HEALTH OFFICER .....** Dario Carrara

**HEALTH OFFICER, DEPUTY .....** Debra Davidson

**HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR .....** Debra Davidson

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR .....** Leslie MacGregor

**ROAD AGENT .....** Gary S. Russell

**TAX COLLECTOR .....** Kristie J. LaPlante

**TOWN TREASURER .....** Rhonda Davie

**DEPUTY TOWN TREASURER .....** Joyce Miner

## **APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **Term Expires**

John Baybutt .....	2017
Jon Charlonne .....	2017
Richard Reed .....	2017
Barry White .....	2017
Debra Whitney .....	2017

## **CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE**

John Baybutt, Budget Committee Representative .....	2017
James Cleary .....	2017
Peter Eppig .....	2017
David McKenzie .....	2017
Steven Osienski .....	2017
Jeffrey Rose .....	2017

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Joseph MacGregor .....	2017
Jon Manley .....	2017
John Baybutt .....	2018
Valerie Germain, Chair .....	2018
Thomas James .....	2019
Michael Munhall .....	2019
Stephen Willette .....	2019

## **HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Bret Sullivan .....	2017
James Cleary .....	2017
Gary Russell.....	2017

## **NEWHALL PARK BOARD**

David Parker.....	2017
Brian Whittemore.....	2018
Gretchen Hutton .....	2019

## **SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

David Parker.....	2017
Jeffrey Rose .....	2017
Gary Russell.....	2017

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Molly Eppig, Peter Eppig, Peter Martel, David McKenzie, Michael Munhall



# Town of Bennington

## New Hampshire

### Warrant and Budget

### 2017

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):**

Date: February 6, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Pierce Elementary School

Details: 19 Main Street

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

Date: March 14, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Pierce Elementary School

Details: 19 Main Street

#### **Article 01: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

#### **Article 02: Zoning Amendment**

2. Are you in favor of amending Article IX (Signs) of the Zoning Ordinance? The proposed full text of Article IX is attached.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

#### **Article 03: Zoning Amendment**

3. Are you in favor of deleting Article XIV-C (accessory dwelling unit) of the Zoning Ordinance and replacing it with Article VII P (accessory dwelling units)? The proposed full text of Article VII P is attached.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

#### **Article 04: Operating Budget**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the Budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million six hundred ninety two thousand four hundred forty-seven dollars (\$1,692,447)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be one million six hundred seventy six thousand seven hundred forty eight dollars (\$1,676,748) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)



#### **Article 05: Discontinue Septic Lagoon Dredging CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Sewer Department Septic Lagoon Dredging Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997? Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 06: Establish Cemetery Maintenance ETF**

To see if the Town will voted to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to be funded by the sale of cemetery lots pursuant to RSA 289:2-a, along with any interest gained thereon, for the maintenance of cemeteries; and further to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required).  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees)

#### **Article 07: Upgrade Street Lighting**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of upgrading existing street lights.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Energy Committee)

#### **Article 08: Water Department Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Water/Sewer Commissioners)

#### **Article 09: Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Bennington will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 10: Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 11: Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 12: Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)



### **Article 13: Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

### **Article 14: Mower Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

### **Article 15: Library Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

### **Article 16: Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

### **Article 17: Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

### **Article 18: Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

### **Article 19: Fire Department Protective Gear Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$5,700) to be added to the Fire Department Protective Gear Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

### **Article 20: Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)



#### **Article 21: Deferred Road Maintenance**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the purpose of providing additional Highway Department funds to address deferred road maintenance.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 22: The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center – a nonprofit organization? The appropriation would provide \$4,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 23: American Red Cross**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700) in support of the American Red Cross – a nonprofit organization.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 24: Contoocook Valley Transportation Company**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Contoocook Valley Transportation Company – a nonprofit organization?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 25: Court Appointed Special Advocates**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates – a nonprofit organization.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 26: Contoocook Housing Trust**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) in support of the Contoocook Housing Trust – a nonprofit organization.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 27: Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) in support of the Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County – a nonprofit organization.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

#### **Article 28: Natural Resources Inventory**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,900) for the development of a Natural Resources Inventory.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission)



Article 29: Ending 68 Hours of Hunger

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of supporting "Ending 68 Hours of Hunger" - a nonprofit regional organization? Recommended by the Selectmen

Article 30: Whittemore Beach Staffing

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in support of Whittemore Beach staffing?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Recreation Committee)

Given under our hands, January 30, 2017		
We certify and attest that on or before January 30, 2017, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Bennington Town Hall, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
JEFFREY D ROSE	SELECTMAN	Jeff D. Rose
JAMES W CLEARY	Selectman	James W Cleary
STEVE OSIENSKI	SELECTMAN	Steve Osienksi

Shall Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance be amended to read as follows:

**Article IX. Signs**

A. Signs shall be considered structures within the context of this Ordinance.

B. In all districts signs or advertising devices shall conform to the following regulations:

1. No sign shall be placed in such a position as to endanger motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic or obscure or otherwise cause confusion with official street or highway sign signals.
2. No permanent sign other than official street signs or traffic direction signs shall be maintained within the street right-of-way.
3. No permanent sign shall project over public rights-of-way.
4. Temporary signs, including sandwich boards, are allowed in all districts. Such signs may be placed on private property only by the owner of the property. Temporary signs placed on private property must comply with side setback limits specified in the Zoning Ordinance. Temporary signs placed in the street or highway right of way must be no larger than six (6) square feet in area on each side. Event-related temporary signs that are not on private property must be removed within ten (10) days after the event.
5. Two portable signs of area no larger than 10 square feet are permitted per legally established business. A portable sign is any sign that is not firmly and permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent structure.
6. No flashing or animated signs with movable parts or intermittent lighting to create the visual effect of movement are permitted.
7. One permanent on-premises sign is permitted for any legally established business. If more than one legally established business exists on a lot, each is permitted to have at most one (1) freestanding sign and one (1) sign attached to the building. Freestanding signs must all be mounted on the same freestanding structure.
8. Permanent signs shall be constructed of durable materials and shall be maintained in good condition and repair.
9. No sign shall exceed 20 square feet in total area.
10. No freestanding sign or freestanding sign structure shall exceed 16 feet in height.
11. The above regulations shall not apply to signs that are displayed from within a building.
12. Each business located 50 feet or more from the street line having this setback in open land may display one freestanding sign not to exceed 32 square feet on each of two sides and must not be located nearer to the street lot line than one-half the depth of the required front yard.
13. Temporary signs for construction purposes. The Board of Selectmen may authorize for a period of time, not to exceed ninety (90) days, the location of a sign not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area which is incidental to construction. It shall be a condition of the zoning permit issued for such a sign that the sign be removed at the end of the construction period but in no event shall exceed 90 days. Such permits may be renewed for an additional 90 days if construction continues for that period.

Recommended by the Planning Board



Shall Article XIV-C of the Zoning Ordinance be deleted and replaced with Article VII-P as follows:

#### **Article VII General Requirements**

**P. Accessory Dwelling Units:** The addition of not more than one (1) accessory dwelling unit to a primary dwelling unit is allowed in all zones where single-family residences are allowed if all the following conditions are met:

1. Such addition is within or attached to the primary dwelling unit.
2. The person or persons who directly or indirectly own the property shall reside in either the accessory dwelling unit or the primary residence.
3. The accessory dwelling unit shall be a self-sufficient residence with adequate sleeping, bathroom, and kitchen facilities and shall be occupied by no more than two (2) adults and one (1) child.
4. The accessory dwelling unit shall have a minimum floor area of 300 square feet and a maximum floor area of 750 square feet.
5. The accessory dwelling unit shall have a separate exterior entrance and shall have adequate egress in case of fire or other hazard. If there is an interior door between the primary residence and the accessory dwelling unit, it must be lockable.
6. No change shall be made to the exterior of the residence that would detract from its appearance as a one-family residence. This provision does not forbid having both exterior entrances on the same side of the house.
7. The sewage disposal system design for the residence, either existing or as it may be modified, shall have been approved by the New Hampshire Division of Water Supply and Pollution Control and must meet any other applicable regulations.
8. The accessory dwelling unit must comply with the Zoning Ordinance.
9. There shall be at least one off-street parking space for the occupants of each of the dwelling units.
10. The structure and lot shall not be converted to a condominium or any other form of legal ownership distinct from the ownership of the principal single-family dwelling.

Recommended by the Planning Board

## **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

With the importance of maintaining control of expenses and yet providing for the necessary work of the Town, the Budget Committee held a series of meetings with the Selectmen and several of the Departments that have a major impact on the Town's budget.

Following a review of line items in these budget requests, fact finding and discussion took place to validate the requests or to find another path that the Budget Committee could support and recommend to the Selectmen while not diminishing the ability of the Department in question to fulfill their mission in 2017.

As is the past, "need versus want" is the analytical tool the Budget Committee uses in considering the merit of any request.

Given the important needs of the Town and the ever increasing operational costs faced by the Selectmen in the budgeting process, it is necessary to hold the line whenever possible and also in certain cases recommend an increase in a Department's budget in order to maintain an acceptable level of service and infrastructure.

We believe that our goal of providing the Selectmen with thoughtful budget and operational recommendations was met.

In order to better assist the Selectmen and Department Heads in the overall budgeting process, the Budget Committee proposes to meet on a regularly scheduled basis throughout 2017, updating progress in meeting budgetary goals and to provide for better future planning.

We also encourage the Selectmen to institute long-range planning requirements, i.e., three-year plans, on the part of Department Heads and very importantly to put in place a purchasing protocol that requires each necessary purchase request to meet a published set of guidelines.

The Budget Committee thanks the Department Heads we met with this year and the Selectmen for their cooperation and especially Kristie LaPlante, Deputy Administrator, our liaison to the Selectmen and excellent note taker for a very professional job; her skills are paramount to our work and accomplishments.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Baybutt  
Jon Charlonne  
Rick Reed  
Debra Whitney  
Barry White





## Budget of the Town of Bennington

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

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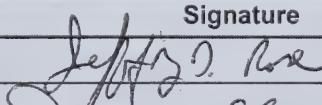

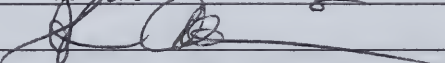
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### GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Governing Body Certifications		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
JEFFREY D. ROSE	SELECTMAN	
JAMES W. CLARY	Selectman	
STEVE OSIENSKI	SELECTMAN	

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:  
<https://www.proptax.org/>

## Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	04	\$186,504	\$189,610	\$188,969	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$45,904	\$44,321	\$44,457	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	04	\$52,101	\$53,724	\$39,511	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	04	\$11,800	\$5,083	\$11,734	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$4,700	\$3,146	\$4,700	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	04	\$1,840	\$1,840	\$15,130	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	04	\$5,854	\$3,507	\$5,852	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$61,401	\$59,843	\$61,401	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$12,620	\$15,364	\$16,538	\$0
4196	Insurance	04	\$31,000	\$26,046	\$26,900	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210-4214	Police	04	\$340,909	\$320,107	\$354,857	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	04	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	04	\$100,848	\$97,222	\$96,256	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	04	\$3,176	\$1,981	\$3,176	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	04	\$1,827	\$132	\$1,827	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>						
4311	Administration	04	\$259,018	\$229,588	\$272,516	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$136,000	\$175,351	\$139,000	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$9,000	\$8,590	\$9,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation</b>						
4321	Administration	04	\$33,768	\$29,731	\$34,389	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	04	\$1,602	\$848	\$1,602	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$52,825	\$56,608	\$52,825	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	04	\$6,000	\$3,654	\$6,000	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$33,900	\$36,653	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	04	\$1,100	\$367	\$38,400	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>						
4331	Administration	04	\$35,832	\$32,168	\$34,820	\$0
4332	Water Services	04	\$11,001	\$11,581	\$11,001	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	04	\$4,700	\$3,570	\$4,700	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>Electric</b>						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Administration	04	\$258	\$39	\$258	\$0
4414	Pest Control	04	\$250	\$0	\$600	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	04	\$5,891	\$5,845	\$5,891	\$0
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	04	\$14,679	\$10,969	\$14,679	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	04	\$550	\$480	\$720	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	04	\$4,801	\$2,499	\$4,801	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	04	\$26,122	\$22,923	\$27,002	\$0
4550-4559	Library	04	\$138,947	\$137,226	\$143,541	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	04	\$2,400	\$1,400	\$2,400	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development</b>						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	04	\$561	\$889	\$661	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	04	\$633	\$420	\$633	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	04	\$3,000	\$3,832	\$3,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Proposed Appropriations		\$1,652,022	\$1,605,157	\$1,692,447	\$0
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## Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$0	\$0	\$20,500	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Water Department Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$15,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$1,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Mower Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Library Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$25,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	18	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	19	\$0	\$0	\$5,700	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Fire Department Protective Gear Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	20	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund					
<b>Special Articles Recommended</b>			<b>\$90,600</b>	<b>\$90,600</b>	<b>\$150,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	22	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	23	\$0	\$0	\$700	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> American Red Cross					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	24	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Contoocook Valley Transportation Company					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	25	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Court Appointed Special Advocates					

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	26	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Contoocook Housing Trust					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	27	\$0	\$0	\$600	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	28	\$0	\$0	\$2,900	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Natural Resources Inventory					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	30	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Whittemore Beach Staffing					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	07	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Upgrade Street Lighting					
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	29	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Ending 68 Hours of Hunger					
4312	Highways and Streets	21	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose:</b> Deferred Road Maintenance					
<b>Individual Articles Recommended</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>



## Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	04	\$200	\$0	\$5,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	04	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	04	\$500	\$0	\$500
3187	Excavation Tax	04	\$900	\$0	\$900
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	04	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000
9991	Inventory Penalties	04	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	04	\$250	\$0	\$250
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$275,000	\$0	\$270,000
3230	Building Permits	04	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$75,548	\$0	\$75,548
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$44,409	\$0	\$44,409
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	04	\$18,000	\$0	\$16,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	04	\$700	\$0	\$700
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3503-3509	Other	04	\$7,000	\$0	\$10,000
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	04	\$33,000	\$0	\$33,000
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	04	\$62,000	\$0	\$57,000
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$586,007</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$581,807</b>



## Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$1,652,522	\$1,692,447
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$143,600	\$150,700
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$16,500	\$67,500
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$1,812,622	\$1,910,647
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$558,900	\$581,807
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,253,722	\$1,328,840



## Bennington

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

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### GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Governing Body Certifications		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
JEFFREY D. ROSE	SELECTMAN	Jeffrey D. Rose
JAMES W. CLEARY	SELECTMAN	James W. Cleary
STEVE OSIENSKI	SELECTMAN	Steve Osienksi

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Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
<b>General Government</b>					
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	\$152,364	\$35,795	(\$18,000)	\$170,159
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$45,403	\$1,431	(\$4,972)	\$41,862
4150-4151	Financial Administration	\$30,189	\$23,222	\$0	\$53,411
4152	Revaluation of Property	\$0	\$11,800	\$0	\$11,800
4153	Legal Expense	\$4,700	\$0	\$0	\$4,700
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	\$247,549	\$12,790	(\$245,209)	\$15,130
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	\$5,659	\$195	\$0	\$5,854
4194	General Government Buildings	\$27,201	\$34,200	\$0	\$61,401
4195	Cemeteries	\$12,550	\$4,320	\$0	\$16,870
4196	Insurance	\$31,000	\$0	\$0	\$31,000
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$11,610	\$0	(\$11,610)	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>					
4210-4214	Police	\$252,363	\$101,234	\$0	\$353,597
4215-4219	Ambulance	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$12,000
4220-4229	Fire	\$95,930	\$5,418	(\$3,826)	\$97,522
4240-4249	Building Inspection	\$3,000	\$176	\$0	\$3,176
4290-4298	Emergency Management	\$1,750	\$77	\$0	\$1,827
4299	Other (Including Communications)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>					
4301-4309	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>					
4311	Administration	\$180,593	\$85,291	\$0	\$265,884
4312	Highways and Streets	\$136,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$139,000
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$9,000
4319	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation</b>					
4321	Administration	\$30,325	\$3,443	\$0	\$33,768
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$1,602	\$0	\$0	\$1,602
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$63,075	\$0	(\$9,150)	\$53,925
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$33,900	\$0	\$33,900
4329	Other Sanitation	\$38,250	\$0	(\$38,250)	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>					
4331	Administration	\$35,595	\$237	\$0	\$35,832
4332	Water Services	\$24,400	\$0	(\$13,399)	\$11,001
4335	Water Treatment	\$3,500	\$1,200	\$0	\$4,700
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0





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Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
<b>Electric</b>					
4351-4352	Administration and Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>					
4411	Administration	\$250	\$8	\$0	\$258
4414	Pest Control	\$150	\$100	\$0	\$250
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	\$5,891	\$0	\$0	\$5,891
<b>Welfare</b>					
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	\$14,389	\$290	\$0	\$14,679
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$550	\$120	\$0	\$670
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	\$4,861	\$0	(\$60)	\$4,801
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	\$28,601	\$0	(\$2,479)	\$26,122
4550-4559	Library	\$138,947	\$2,915	\$0	\$141,862
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$2,400	\$0	\$0	\$2,400
<b>Conservation and Development</b>					
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	\$542	\$19	\$0	\$561
4619	Other Conservation	\$633	\$0	\$0	\$633
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>					
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0





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Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Appropriations</b>		<b>\$1,652,522</b>	<b>\$371,181</b>	<b>(\$346,955)</b>	<b>\$1,676,748</b>



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Account Code	Reason for Reductions/Increases or One-Time Appropriations
4311	Account reclass, employee benefits
4321	Account reclass
4331	Account reclass
4411	Account reclass
4441-4442	Account reclass
4611-4612	Account reclass
4215-4219	Ambulance contract
4240-4249	Account reclass
4195	Account reclass, maintenance contract
4140-4149	Account reclass; 3 additional elections in 2016, IT contract
4290-4298	Account reclass
4130-4139	Account reclass; employee benefits, 2016 financial software
4150-4151	Account reclass, IT contract, Treasurer Wage
4220-4229	Account reclass, fire alarm system phone line
4194	Account reclass
4312	Funds encumbered in 2016
4444	Meals on Wheels recipients
4550-4559	Employee benefits, funds encumbered in 2016
4199	Account reclass
4329	Account reclass
4520-4529	Account reclass
4155-4159	Account reclass, Worker Comp holiday depleted
4414	Account reclass
4191-4193	Account reclass
4210-4214	Account reclass, employee benefits, Prosecutor contract
4152	Account reclass
4326-4328	Account reclass
4325	Account reclass
4324	Account reclass
4445-4449	Account reclass
4332	Account reclass
4335	Account reclass





## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Submit to the Department of Revenue Administration by September 1

### Instructions

Note: for ease of use please begin at the last section and work forward.

**REPORTS REQUIRED:** RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

**NOTE:** The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions for individual items.

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### ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Entity Type: ☒ Municipality ☐ Village

Municipality: BENNINGTON

County: HILLSBOROUGH

Original Date 09/14/2016

Revision Date 09/14/2016

### ASSESSOR

Cross Country Appraisal

Assessor's Name

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### MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

STEVEN K. OSIENSKI

Municipal Official 1

JEFFREY D. ROSE

Municipal Official 3

Municipal Official 5

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JAMES W. CLEARY

Municipal Official 2

Municipal Official 4

Municipal Official 6

### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

DENISE FRENCH

Preparer's Name

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Municipality Values

Value Land Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A, 3B and 4) ?

		Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A ?	4,650.81	\$316,497
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B ?		
1-C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C ?		
1-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
1-E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
1-F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved) ?	1,777.81	\$20,988,600
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land) ?	241.63	\$2,280,300
1-H	Total of Taxable Land ?	6,670.25	\$23,585,397
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land ?	285.89	\$1,521,500

Value Buildings Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A and 3B) ?

		Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential ?		\$64,546,100
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31 ?		\$1,445,300
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings) ?		\$10,833,200
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?		
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?		
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings ?		\$76,824,600
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings ?		\$6,627,600

Utilities and Timber ?

		Assessed Valuation
3-A	Utilities ?	\$3,636,400
3-B	Other Utilities ?	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5 ?	

5) Valuation before Exemptions (Total of lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) ?

\$104,046,397





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Exemptions

		Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans (RSA 72:36-a) ?		
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA (72:38-b V) ?		
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a) ?		
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (RSA 72:23-IV) ?		
10a	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?		
10b	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?		

11) Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties (Line 5 minus lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10a, 10b) ? \$104,046,397

Summation of Exemptions ?

		Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) ?	\$15,000		
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)		11	\$625,000
14	Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) ?			
15	Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) ?			
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) ?			
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) ?			
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) ?			
19	Add'l School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions (RSA 72:23 IV) ?			

20) Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions (sum of lines 12-19) \$625,000

Calculations

21 NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)	\$103,421,397
22 LESS UTILITIES: (Line 3A) Do not include the value of other utilities listed in Line 3B	\$3,636,400
23 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES TO COMPUTE STATE EDUCATION TAX (Line 21 minus Line 22)	\$99,784,997

Notes:



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Utility Summary: Electric, Hydroelectric, Renewable - Misc., Nuclear, Gas/Pipeline, Water & Sewer

Utility Value Appraiser ?

Who Appriases/Establishes the Utility Value in the Municipality? (If multiple, please list)

Cross Country Appraisal

If the Municipality Uses DRA Utility Values, is it Equalized By The Ratio? ☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION A

List Electric Companies ?

Electric Company	Assessed Valuation
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$3,221,200
MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC	\$415,200

A1 Total of all Electric Companies listed in this section:

\$3,636,400

List Gas Companies ?

Gas Company	Assessed Valuation

A2 Total of all Gas Companies listed in this section:





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List Water and Sewer Companies ?

Water/Sewer Company

Assessed Valuation



A3 Total of all Water and Sewer Companies listed in this section:

Grand Total Valuation of all Sect. A Utility Companies

\$3,636,400

SECTION B

List Other Utility Companies ?

Other Utility Company

Assessed Valuation



B1 Total of All Other Companies listed in this section (must agree with line 3B):



## Tax Credits and Exemptions

### Veterans' Tax Credits ?

Credit Description	Limits	Number of Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
? <b>Veterans' Tax Credit/Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28)</b> (\$50 Standard Credit, \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city/town)	\$500	67	\$33,250
? <b>Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a)</b> "The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States..." (\$700 Standard Credit, \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town)	\$700		
? <b>Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (RSA 72:35)</b> "Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury..." (\$700 Standard Credit, \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town)	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
<b>Total Number and Amount</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>\$35,250</b>

If both husband and/or wife qualify for the credit they count as 2. If someone is living at a residence such as a brother & sister, and no one lives count as 1, not one-half.

### Disabled and Deaf Exemption Report ?

		Disabled Exemption Report (RSA 72:37-b)		Deaf Exemption Report (RSA 72:38-b)	
		Single	Married	Single	Married
Income Limits ?					
Asset Limits ?					

### Elderly Exemption Report - RSA 72:39-a ?

First Time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year

Total Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year & Total Number of Exemptions Granted

Age	#	Amount Per Individual	Age	#	Max Allowable Exemption	Total Actual Exemption Granted
65-74		\$25,000	65-74	3	\$75,000	\$75,000
75-79		\$50,000	75-79	2	\$100,000	\$100,000
80+		\$75,000	80+	6	\$450,000	\$450,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>11</b>	<b>\$625,000</b>	<b>\$625,000</b>

Income Limits	Single	\$27,500	Asset Limits	Single	\$75,000
	Married	\$39,500		Married	\$75,000

### Community Tax Relief Incentive - RSA 79-E ?

Adopted: ☐ Yes ☒ No

### Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings - RSA 79-G ?

Adopted: ☐ Yes ☒ No

### Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities - RSA 79-H ?

Adopted: ☐ Yes ☒ No





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Property Reports

Current Use Reports - RSA 79-A ?

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation	Other Current Use Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land	178.57	\$51,809	Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	1,970.78
Forest Land	2,156.22	\$167,395	Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year 2016	
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	2,036.17	\$92,686	Owners in Current Use	77
Unproductive Land	36.78	\$533	Parcels in Current Use	150
Wet Land	243.07	\$4,074		
Total	4,650.81	\$316,497		

Land Use Change Tax ?

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)

Conservation Allocation	Percentage		And/Or Dollar Amount	
Monies to Conservation Fund				
Monies to General Fund				

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report - RSA 79-B (must file PA-60) ?

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Conservation	Assessed Valuation	Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land			Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	
Forest Land			Removed from Conservation During Current Tax Year	
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship				
Unproductive Land				Total Number
Wet Land			Owners in Conservation	
			Parcels in Conservation	
Total				

Discretionary Easements - RSA 79-C ?

Total Number of Acres	# of Owners	Assessed Valuation	Description of Discretionary Easements Granted (e.g. Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track)

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures - RSA 79-F ?

Total Number Granted	Total Number of Structures	Total Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation Land	Assessed Valuation Structures







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**Tax Increment Financing Districts - RSA 162-K**



TIF District Name	Date of Adoption/ Modification	Original Assessed Value	Unretained Captured Assessed Value	Amount used on page 2	Retained Captured Assessed Value	Current Assessed Value







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**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Denise

Preparer's Last Name

French

Date

Sep 14, 2016

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO THE EQUALIZATION BUREAU**

Please save and e-mail the completed, fillable PDF form to the Equalization Bureau at [equalization@dra.nh.gov](mailto:equalization@dra.nh.gov).

**3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM TO THE MTRSP**

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**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's Signature

Assessor's Signature

Governing Body Member's Signature and Title

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**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2016 TOWN MEETING  
DELIBERATIVE SESSION - SESSION 1  
AND  
MARCH 8, 2016 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS - SESSION 2**

Session 1 of the 2016 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and there was a moment of silence for Donald Clough Sr., Robert Boisvert, David Desaulniers Sr., Jane Pelletier, Wayne Roy, and Bernard Maillette. The Moderator, as mandated under Senate Bill 2, which the Town of Bennington adopted on March 12, 1996, briefly explained the procedures and rules of conduct for the Deliberative Session. Each warrant article will be read and discussed and any amendments proposed from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Moderator. It was noted that the articles will be heard out of order hearing article # 18 first.

**All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town and School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 8, 2016 at Pierce School in Bennington, New Hampshire. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: You are hereby notified in accordance with RSA 40:13, the First Session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Pierce School, 19 Main Street in said Town. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each Warrant Article. Warrant Articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The Second Session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot, and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the First Session on official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Pierce School, 19 Main Street in said Town, to act upon the following:

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 2:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Moderator (1 year)	John J Cronin
Town Clerk (3 years)	Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Karen Bartlett
Cemetery Trustee (2 years)	Melissa Clark
Planning Board (3 years)	David McKenzie
Planning Board (3 years)	Christopher Maple
Water and Sewer Commissioner (3 years)	John Spanos
Selectman (3 years)	Steven Osienski



Library Trustee (3 years)  
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)  
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)  
Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)  
Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years)

Jill Wilmoth  
David Parker  
Christopher Clough  
Melissa Clark  
Brenda Gibbons

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 996 registered voters. During Election Day, 5 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voters Checklist contained 1001 voters. A total of 231 voters cast their ballots in this election, which was a 23% voter turnout.

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The Deliberative Town Meeting, Session 1 was attended by 32 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated the following articles:

18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center – a nonprofit organization? The appropriation would provide \$4,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services.

Note: Melissa Gallagher from the Grapevine spoke to the article noting that the Grapevine is requesting \$4,000 for the Grapevine and \$1,000 for the Teen Center which are both used by Bennington residents. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES-152      NO-77  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

2. Are you in favor of amending **Article VII** , (General Requirements), **A.** of the Zoning Ordinance to read as follows?

- A. Sanitary Protection. All dwellings and sanitary systems shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with standards set by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission, by the Town Subdivision Regulations and other applicable health and sanitary codes. Sanitary systems shall be subject to the same setback requirements as buildings.

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Planning Board Chairman, David McKenzie to speak to the article noting that the article cannot be amended. Changing the Zoning Ordinance will bring it in line with the current sub-division regulations. The article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 174      NO- 52  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

3. Are you in favor of amending **Article XIII** (Excavation), **Condition 7** of the Zoning Ordinance to read as follows?

7. The proposed excavation shall be situated a minimum of 50 feet from a property boundary line, except that with the permission of the abutter it may be permitted as near as 10 feet from said boundary line.

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Planning Board Chairman, David McKenzie to speak to the article. Chairman McKenzie noted that the current Zoning and Excavation Regulations are in conflict. The proposed change in the Zoning Regulation would cause the Zoning Regulation to be the same as the Excavation Regulation. The article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 170      NO- 58  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the Budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million six hundred fifty two thousand five hundred twenty two dollars (**\$1,652,522**)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be one million six hundred fifty two thousand seven hundred seventy dollars (**\$1,652,770**) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: Selectman Rose spoke to the article noting the hard work from the Budget Committee and Town Departments to keep the budget at a .09% increase. David McKenzie asked if the article was defeated, what would decide whether the Town would go to default budget or a special meeting. The Selectmen would make that decision. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES-178      NO-51  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand five hundred dollars (**\$20,500**) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that funds are needed for a mandated well cleaning. Michael Munhall requested the current amount in the reserve fund. The current amount in the water reserve fund is \$36,138 and the sewer reserve fund is \$91,974. Robyn Clough asked if the Antrim well was contaminated. It was noted that we have 3 wells. They have been tested and are fine. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES-143      NO- 85  
THE ARTICLE PASSED



6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (**\$20,000**) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski asked Fire Chief Roina to speak to the article. The current amount in the reserve fund is \$221,395.12. The Chief is looking at replacing the tanker in 2018. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 159      NO- 69  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000**) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Rose asked Road Agent Gary Russell to speak to the article. It was noted that there is currently \$33,087 in the reserve fund. The Road Agent is looking to replace the backhoe in 9 years. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 149      NO- 77  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five hundred dollars (**\$2,500**) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Fire Chief Mike Roina to speak to the article. There is currently \$38,949 in the reserve fund. The 2009 Rescue vehicle will likely be replaced with an SUV. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 160      NO- 68  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000**) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski asked Police Chief Bret Sullivan to speak to the article. There is currently \$33,545.30 in the reserve fund, but the Police Department just purchased a new cruiser. The Town did not replace the Crown Vic in the spring and was able to get a better trade in for it. The new cruiser will use some of the old equipment. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 135      NO- 93  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Rose asked Road Agent, Gary Russell to speak to the article. It was noted that there is currently \$17,945 in the reserve fund. The funds will be used for paving, shimming, and blacktop. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 161      NO- 67  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (**\$1,000**) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that there currently is approximately \$3,800 in the reserve fund. The mower is used for the ball fields and is due to be replaced in a 10 year timeframe. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 140      NO- 86  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski asked Library Trustee, Jill Wilmoth to speak to the article. The library is in need of replacing or repairing the chimney to the roof level, dehumidifiers, baseboards, copier and fax machine. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 145      NO- 82  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty six hundred dollars (**\$2,600**) to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski asked Fire Chief Michael Roina to speak to the article. There is currently \$30,042.07 in the reserve fund. The Fire Department has 20 bottles for the airpacks. They are tested every 3 years and are on a schedule to replace 2 bottles each year. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 172      NO- 57  
THE ARTICLE PASSED



14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Road Agent Gary Russell to speak to the article. There is currently \$23,217 in the reserve fund. It was noted that a truck was replaced last year. The 2007 one ton truck is due to be replaced in the next 2 years. The estimated cost is \$80,000. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 140      NO- 87  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski addressed the article noting that there is currently \$79,859 in the reserve fund. The funds are for renovations on the VFW, painting the Town Hall and Fire Station, as well as the Fire Station roof. The Town will be putting forward a non-binding referendum to obtain the Town's people's opinion of the direction the Town should take for the VFW building. Moderator John Cronin stated that there should be an apology to the SAU as he had told them that the Town would only need to use the school for a voting place until the State election. Selectman Rose noted that the new Superintendent is in favor of holding the election in the school. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS  
YES- 133      NO- 92  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars **(\$5,000)** to be added to the Fire Department Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Rose asked Fire Chief Michael Roina to speak to the article. Chief Roina presented an amendment to the article changing the request to \$7,100. Peter Martel seconded the amendment. Chief Roina would like to buy seven sets of EMT gear this year. In the past the Fire Department has tried to replace two sets of fire gear a year. The extra funds would allow the Department to buy new EMT gear. The Chief would like to purchase EMT gear to fit each EMT that might respond. Selectman Rose asked if it would be wise to purchase standard sizes instead of gear for each person to be given. The generic size gear could be kept on the truck and used by the EMT who went on the call. Robyn Clough stated that \$5,000 was requested and approved. Selectman Osienski asked if there is a new requirement that creates this need. The Fire Department has had three new people certified as EMTs. Karen Bartlett noted that it would make more sense to use generic sizes as people change size over time and the EMT staff is likely to change. Richard Reed who is on the Budget Committee stated that this was not part of the Fire Department's original request and it is not fair to the process to add it now. Fire Chief Roina withdrew his amendment. Selectman Rose brought forth the original article. No other amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 168      NO- 60  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars **(\$12,000)** to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary spoke to the article noting that there is currently \$963.00 in the reserve fund. If the article does not pass, the Town will still need to do the revaluation. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 124      NO- 102  
THE ARTICLE PASS

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars **(\$700)** in support of the American Red Cross – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Rose spoke to the article noting that it is a worthwhile program which the Town supports annually. Michael Munhall asked if the Town receives a report showing how the money is spent. It was noted that the Red Cross helps with short term help after fires. Fire Chief Roina stated that the Red Cross has supplied smoke detectors as well as housing vouchers. NO amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 162      NO- 65  
THE ARTICLE PASSED



20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the Contoocook Valley Transportation Company – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Town Administrator Denise French to speak to the article. It was noted that 32 ride requests were taken from Bennington residents in 2015. This is a great value to those who cannot drive. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 159      NO- 66  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Osienski asked Moderator Cronin to speak to the article. It was noted that the State of New Hampshire has eliminated funding for the Guardian et Litem program which provides a safety net for children. The population of the Town generates the dollar figure of the request. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 156      NO- 70  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (**\$300**) in support of the Contoocook Housing Trust – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Rose asked Jonathan Manley to speak to the article. As a board member of the Contoocook Housing Trust, Mr. Manley noted that own two buildings which supply four units in Bennington. These supply low to moderate income rental housing. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 146      NO- 77  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Cleary asked Moderator John Cronin to speak to the article. It was noted that this organization helps young people who do not have support in legal situations who really need help. Police Chief Sullivan noted that the advocacy center has been helpful in sexual assault and domestic assaults issues. The police are required to use the team of professional interviewers that they will provide. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 160      NO- 65  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars **(\$3,000)** for the development of a Natural Resource Inventory?

Note: Selectman Osienski asked Conservation Commissioner Joseph MacGregor to speak to the article. Mr. MacGregor stated that the Natural Resource Inventory is recommended by the State for the gathering of data for the Planning Board. It is an inventory of the community to make and develop choices for the Town. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 115      NO- 108  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars **(\$6,000)** in support of Whittemore Beach staffing?

Note: Selectman Rose asked Recreation Department member Bethany Craig to speak to the article. It was stated that the Town Beach has not been staffed for the last two years. There have been many non-life safety issues raised such as drinking, fishing and smoking. Selectman Rose asked who does the general maintenance and enforcement of rules. It was suggested that a beach attendant could fulfill this role. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

2016 RESULTS:  
YES- 139      NO- 87  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

In new business, it was noted that Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. is the SAU 1<sup>st</sup> session.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Bennington Town Clerk



## Report of Appropriations Actually Voted: Bennington

**Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting**

**For Assistance Please Contact:**

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division

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## CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

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MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION  
P.O.BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

## Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted
<b>General Government</b>			
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0
4130-4139	Executive	03	\$152,364
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$45,403
4150-4151	Financial Administration	03	\$30,189
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0
4153	Legal Expense	03	\$4,700
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	03	\$247,549
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	03	\$5,659
4194	General Government Buildings	03	\$27,201
4195	Cemeteries	03	\$12,550
4196	Insurance	03	\$31,000
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	18,19,20,21,22,23, 24,25	\$16,500
4199	Other General Government	03	\$11,610
<b>Public Safety</b>			
4210-4214	Police	03	\$252,363
4215-4219	Ambulance	03	\$8,000
4220-4229	Fire	03	\$95,930
4240-4249	Building Inspection	03	\$3,000
4290-4298	Emergency Management	03	\$1,750
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>			
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>			
4311	Administration	03	\$180,593
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$136,000
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting	03	\$9,000
4319	Other		\$0
<b>Sanitation</b>			
4321	Administration	03	\$30,325
4323	Solid Waste Collection	03	\$1,602
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	03	\$63,075
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	03	\$38,250
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>			
4331	Administration	03	\$35,595
4332	Water Services	03	\$24,400
4335	Water Treatment	03	\$3,500
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0
<b>Electric</b>			
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0



Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
<b>Health</b>			
4411	Administration	03	\$250
4414	Pest Control	03	\$150
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	03	\$5,891
<b>Welfare</b>			
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	03	\$14,389
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	03	\$550
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	03	\$4,861
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>			
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	03	\$28,601
4550-4559	Library	03	\$138,947
4583	Patriotic Purposes	03	\$700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	03	\$2,400
<b>Conservation and Development</b>			
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	03	\$542
4619	Other Conservation	03	\$633
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>			
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	03	\$3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>			
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05,06,07,08,09,10, 11,12,13,14,15,16, 17	\$143,600
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds		\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0
<b>Total Voted Appropriations</b>			<b>\$1,812,622</b>



2016  
\$31.78

## Tax Rate Breakdown Bennington

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,261,403	\$103,421,397	<b>\$12.20</b>
County	\$133,666	\$103,421,397	<b>\$1.29</b>
Local Education	\$1,655,968	\$103,421,397	<b>\$16.01</b>
State Education	\$227,405	\$99,784,997	<b>\$2.28</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,278,442</b>		<b>\$31.78</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$3,278,442
War Service Credits	(\$35,250)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$3,243,192

10/26/2016

Stephan Hamilton  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration



## Appropriations and Revenues

### Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$1,812,622	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$586,007)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$500)
War Service Credits	\$35,250	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$38	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,261,403</b>	

### County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$133,666	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$133,666</b>	

### Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$3,027,163	
Net Education Grant		(\$1,143,790)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$227,405)
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,655,968</b>	
State Education Tax	\$227,405	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$227,405</b>	

## Valuation

### Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$103,421,397	\$102,722,917
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$99,784,997	\$99,501,717

### Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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## Bennington

### Tax Commitment Verification

#### 2016 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$3,243,192
1/2% Amount	\$16,216
Acceptable High	\$3,259,408
Acceptable Low	\$3,226,976

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

<b>Commitment Amount</b>	
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
<b>Net amount after TIF adjustment</b>	

**Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2016 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.**

**Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:**

**Date:**

### Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

#### Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Bennington	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2016 Tax Rate	\$31.78	\$15.89

Associated Villages



## Fund Balance Retention

<b>Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>
<b>General Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,734,661</b>
<b>Final Overlay</b>	<b>\$38</b>

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.

[2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.

[3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

### 2016 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Bennington

Description	Amount
<b>Current Amount Retained (5.87%)</b>	<b>\$219,319</b>
17% Retained ( <i>Maximum Recommended</i> )	\$634,892
10% Retained	\$373,466
8% Retained	\$298,773
5% Retained ( <i>Minimum Recommended</i> )	\$186,733

### 2016 RSA 198:4-b II School Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Bennington

If a school district has adopted RSA 198:4-b II by a vote of the legislative body, the school district may retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment pursuant to RSA 198:5, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and overexpenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate. This retained fund balance is not cumulative. The maximum allowed fund balance retention has been calculated as:

	Net Assessment	2.5% of Net Assessment
<b>Local School</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>ConVal Regional School District</b>	\$40,768,217	\$1,019,205

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Balance Sheet - General Fund**  
December 31, 2016

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 804,451
Taxes receivable, net	338,796
Accounts receivable	21,258
Due from other governments	1,740
Due from other funds	144,840
Total Assets	<u>1,311,085</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>                    </u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 1,311,085</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 29,180
Accrued expenses	13,273
Due to other governments	963,195
Total Liabilities	<u>1,005,648</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>                    </u>
FUND BALANCES	
Unassigned	<u>305,437</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>305,437</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,311,085</u>



## SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

Let's start this year's Selectmen's Message with a look at some of our community-owned Town buildings:

Town Hall – The Selectmen contracted Norman Mercier to prep and paint the two most visible sides of the building – the West and North sides. Because those two sides turned out so well and because of his availability, we decided it appropriate to continue with protecting the East side as well. We are very pleased with how the building looks. In the foreseeable future we will have the very challenging cupola as well as the South side painted to complete the project and ensure it will look good and hold up into the next decade.

Library – The Library Trustees engaged the services of dedicated craftsman and Hancock Mason, Steve Smith, to rebuild the upper portion of the chimney. Steve has a great knowledge of historical buildings and considerable skill in their repair. After setting up extensive scaffolding he carefully dismantled the top of the chimney so he could clean and reuse the bricks. It was the mortar that failed - not the bricks - and he wanted the job to look as close to original as possible. He also recommended adding a metal cap to shed water further from the flashing and help avoid problems in the future. As part of his research Steve came up with an article written by his Great grandfather, for an Antrim newspaper, upon the opening of the G. E. P. Dodge library in 1906. This article has been incorporated into the building's historical records and is available to see at the Library.

Fire Station – Josh Beckman Construction, LLC, out of New Ipswich, won the bid to replace the Fire Station roof. The project cost \$16,840 and his company did a thorough and very efficient job.

VFW – As most of you will have noticed nothing got done this year on the VFW building. Last March we asked residents to respond to a nonbinding referendum on the future of this property. We probably got as many different suggestions as to how we should use the building as we did responders. It was, however, apparent that the majority thought we should repair and restore the building to be attractive and functional. Quite a few also thought we should go a step further and make the building function in an extremely energy efficient manner. Though there would be savings in the future, this could be quite costly up front. We now know that a referendum question like this is most useful with specific costs associated. Naturally everyone would like to have this Town building be attractive, historical and energy efficient; but at what cost? The reality is that all three of your Selectman were very busy this year and we are certain that whatever is done will require vast amounts of volunteer labor to be within our budget. If we couldn't put in the time we could not ask others to. One potential use of this building would be as a polling place. So far the School District has lived up to their promise to this community that the Multi-Purpose Room at Pierce School would be available to us for events like voting. For now we believe this our best option.

There has been, as always, some changes in both paid and volunteer members of our staff/committees. We thank Joe MacGregor for his many years on the Capital Reserve Funding Committee. We also offer our appreciation to Damon Beaudreau for his service to the Fire Department and Frank Morrill as a part-time Police Officer. We are very fortunate that our long time Town Treasurer, Joyce Miner, has agreed to stay on as Deputy Treasurer and thereby

ensure a smooth transition as our new Town Treasurer, Rhonda Davie, learns the specifics of her position. Lastly we welcome Vint Boggis to the Police Department in a part-time capacity.

In March voters approved a Warrant Article to allocate funding for staff at Whittemore Beach. We were pleased to staff the Beach with attendants to ensure beach rules were complied with and the facility was clean for our patrons. We thank Recreation Co-chair Bethany Craig for overseeing operations and our attendants Mackenzie Connors, Brian Gentile, and Kaityln Phillips.

Due to State permitting requirements we were not able to add more sand to the beach this year as we had hoped. Conditions were greatly improved when Steve Osienski volunteered to rototill it. Thank you, Steve! Finally, we hope the replacement of the raft adds to swimmers' experiences.

We had two recipients of the Edward French Memorial Scholarships this year. Kayla Rose Davie will be attending Manchester Community College to study Facilities Management; Jonathan Byam plans to attend Plymouth State University. We congratulate them both. We remind residents that this award, which comes with a \$1000 scholarship, is open to all Bennington seniors; be they in Conval, privately educated, or are home schooled.

This year the Energy Committee has proposed switching our street lights from metal halide to LED lighting. There appears to be several opportunities to get grants for matching funds for this change and since this type of lighting is so much more efficient, the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen approve of this project. A Warrant Article has been put forth to allocate funds to start the changeover. With as little as a two-year payback in energy savings, we believe the funding is a wise investment. In addition we will also study the existing streetlights in Town with an eye towards removing some lights that may be unnecessary and may detract from the rural character of Bennington.

We are pleased that the second half of the downtown project, Traffic Enhancement II, was completed so efficiently. There were issues however. Poor Dig Safe markings caused many issues with mismarked drainage and utility locations. High groundwater at the former Highway Garage site on the corner of Main Street and Eaton Avenue and rotting wood under the roadway caused many headaches for the contractor's pumps which were constantly clogged with debris. An unexpected cistern was discovered near the Sunnyside Cemetery gate. When completed, however, this project came in \$64,000 under budget. It is with great appreciation the Selectboard thanks our Deputy Town Administrator Kristie LaPlante for success in all phases of this project. She wrote the original grant for this project securing for Bennington an 80/20% funding split. Kristie's grant writing ability has benefited our Town greatly over the years, having secured grants for Fire Department SCBAs and associated cascade compressor unit, Fire Department gear and washer, a security gate around the well pumphouse, TE II, and the Bible Hill Road FEMA project. We are proud to say her careful accounting on TE II recently earned praise from NHDOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance Project Manager Robert Hudson who wrote when finalizing the project's close out documents, "The Town did a great job in putting this package together. This is my first LPA project that a sponsor got everything correct and complete on the first try". The only negative feedback on this roadwork pertains to the lighting at each end of the raised crosswalk in front of the Bennington Historical Building. Many people feel that this LED lighting is excessively bright. We can only assure you the selected light meets Federal Highway Standards. We will be looking into lowering the wattage of this light, but don't yet know what approvals are required from Federal DOT.



Now let's talk about the 2017 Budget. After several years of zero or near zero growth in the Town portion of the budget, the Selectboard accepted the Budget Committee's recommendation to let things grow a little. The proposed budget calls for a 2.42% increase. We have agreed with the Budget Committee that this small increase is acceptable to keep the high quality of employees the Town presently has. Another contributing factor is an increase in the contract with Antrim Ambulance. We have had a long and productive relationship with them and have not seen an increase in our costs since 2005. For the upcoming year our bill will be increased 50% and now costs \$12,000 per year. This is tolerable compared to the expense some of our neighboring communities must bear with their contracted ambulance service. We recognize that the Budget Committee put in a lot of time this year and they have vowed to meet periodically throughout the year to help us monitor expenses in various Departments. Their volunteerism has helped us tremendously.

We also have an increase in Capital Reserve/ Warrant Articles. This is due largely to proposals to improve the condition of the road surfaces. When the Planning Board did a survey a couple of years ago for the Master Plan, the predominant issue residents felt needed to be improved – and one they were willing to pay for – was the condition of the road surfaces. Our Road Agent, Gary Russell, has proposed an aggressive schedule to try to get our roads back in shape. This is always a costly expense for a Town; although we recognize our roads are not as bad as some Towns, our roads do need work. We will know after Town Meeting if enough people are indeed willing to spend what is required to start that process.

One new thing this year that could have a large cost savings within the budget is closing of the Sewer Lagoon Dredging Capital Reserve. New technology has yielded more cost effective techniques since the Capital Reserve was originally created in 1997. Because this Capital Reserve is specific to the Dredging of Lagoons, \$92,257 of leftover funds cannot be spent for another purpose. Warrant Article 5 seeks voter approval to close the account and move those funds into the General Fund.

In 2016 the Town switched software systems for our financial software suite, replacing an outdated 30 year old program. Kristie put in a lot of extra time this year, working closely with our new vendor. Amongst other changes, building maintenance and utilities were removed from individual departments. Similarly, employee benefits have been added to affected departments. We know these changes and others will improve efficiency and provide better transparency of financial records. Looking at the budget for 2016 will be difficult to compare to 2015. However comparisons will be much clearer for 2017 and beyond.

Looking forward we expect the ability for customers to use debit/credit card payments for most Town services, which will benefit many. Lastly, we will be celebrating Bennington's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration the first full weekend in June. Please be aware of upcoming plans and attend if possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Cleary, Chair  
Steven K. Osienski  
Jeffrey D. Rose

**Town Clerk's Revenue Report**  
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$ 252,586.24
Municipal Agent Fees		\$ 6,466.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		\$ 764.00
Motor Vehicle Mail Program		\$ 1,531.00
OHRV	Town	\$ 93.00
	State	\$ 1,693.00
Fish and Game	Town	\$ 39.00
	State	\$ 1,507.50
UCC Lien Filings		\$ 165.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	\$ 91.00
	State	\$ 559.00
Certified Copies:	Town	\$ 379.00
	State	\$ 406.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	\$ 1,512.50
	State	\$ 175.50
Animal Population Control		\$ 792.00
Dog Mail Program		\$ 319.00
Dog License Fines		\$ 475.00
Election Fees		\$ 2.00
Bad Check Fees		\$ 69.00
Parking Tickets		\$ 0.00
Checklist		\$ 375.00
Pole Licenses		\$ 30.00
State Registration Fees		\$ 58,884.98

Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk	<u>\$328,914.72</u>
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I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Debra Belcher*  
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	2016	2015
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES January 1, 2016</b>		
Property Taxes		\$193,353.98
Yield Tax		25.64
<b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR</b>		
Property Taxes	\$3,253,227.16	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	11,000.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	4,151.81	0.00
Excavation Taxes	870.92	0.00
<b>OVERPAYMENT</b>		
Refunds	2,461.00	0.00
Prepaid 2017	2,808.00	0.00
<b>INTEREST &amp; FEES</b>	2,642.00	12,803.95
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$3,277,160.89</b>	<b>\$206,183.57</b>
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER 2016</b>		
Property Taxes	\$3,054,072.01	\$117,275.89
Land Use Change Taxes	11,000.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	4,151.81	25.64
Interest/Fees	2,642.00	12,803.95
Excavation Taxes	870.86	0.00
Credit Carried From 2015	1,491.33	0.00
Conversion to Lien (principal)	0.00	74,652.09
<b>ABATEMENTS</b>		
Property Taxes	573.16	1,426.00
Yield Tax	0.06	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	0.00
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES December 31, 2016</b>		
Property Taxes	\$202,359.66	\$0.00
Yield Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$3,277,160.89</b>	<b>\$206,183.57</b>

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,  
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kristie J. LaPlante  
Tax Collector**

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS  
JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:						ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2016		\$74,696.67	\$68,105.11	\$11,459.24	\$2,378.45	\$3,038.43	\$3,822.11
Liens Executed 2016	82,273.40						1,416.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	967.87	6,306.60	25,822.33	692.01	14.34	0.00	7.71
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$83,241.27</b>	<b>\$81,003.27</b>	<b>\$93,927.44</b>	<b>\$12,151.25</b>	<b>\$2,392.79</b>	<b>\$3,038.43</b>	<b>\$5,245.82</b>
<b>REMITTANCE TO TREASURER</b>							
Redemptions	\$12,051.29	\$16,375.65	\$59,576.69	\$6,362.00	\$985.66	\$0.00	\$402.07
Interest & Costs	967.87	6,306.60	25,822.33	692.01	14.34	0.00	7.71
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Abatement of Interest & Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 2016	70,222.11	58,321.02	8,528.42	5,097.24	1,392.79	3,038.43	4,836.04
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$83,241.27</b>	<b>\$81,003.27</b>	<b>\$93,927.44</b>	<b>\$12,151.25</b>	<b>\$2,392.79</b>	<b>\$3,038.43</b>	<b>\$5,245.82</b>

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at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie J. LaPlante  
Tax Collector



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

For the Year ended December 31, 2016

### **GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT**

Cash Balance	1/1/2016	\$826,449.33
Receipts		\$4,446,740.81
Disbursements		-\$4,492,409.03
Cash Balance	12/31/2016	\$780,781.11

### **CONSERVATION FUND**

Cash Balance	1/5/2016	\$12,697.26
Deposit	11/29/2016	\$5,500.00
Interest Earned		\$6.57
Cash Balance	12/31/2016	\$18,203.83

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

For Year Ended December 31, 2016

### LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property Tax	\$ 3,054,072.01
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 11,000.00
Yield Tax	\$ 4,151.81
Excavation Tax	\$ 870.86
Interest/Penalties	<u>\$ 2,642.00</u>

\$ 3,072,736.68

### LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property Tax	\$ 98,043.97
Yield Tax	
Interest/Penalties	\$ 13,363.36
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 95,753.36
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	<u>\$ 33,810.88</u>

\$ 240,971.57

### WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

\$ 88,641.12

### TOWN CLERK REVENUE

\$ 270,029.74

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Highway Block Grant	\$ 44,409.41
State of NH - Rooms & Meals	<u>\$ 75,547.57</u>

\$ 119,956.98

### LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Building Permits	\$ 1,767.20
Demolition Permits	\$ -
Driveway Permits	\$ -
Sign Permits	\$ 10.00
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 2,391.61
Court Fines	\$ 100.00
Pistol Permits	\$ 20.00
Bad Check Fees	<u>\$ 35.00</u>

\$ 4,323.81

### REIMBURSEMENTS

Police Special Details	\$ 1,272.50
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 16,413.75
VFA Forestry Grant	\$ 1,209.06
LGC Settlement	<u>\$ 3,363.00</u>

\$ 22,258.31



INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$ 700.00	
Town Administration	\$ 312.00	
Fire Department	\$ 1,884.83	
Planning Board	\$ 308.00	
Police Department	\$ 82.00	
Recreation Department	\$ -	
Recycling	\$ 12,343.60	
Sewer Department	\$ 500.00	
Zoning	<u>\$ 125.50</u>	
		\$ 16,255.93
RENT OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY		\$ 350.00
INTEREST/BANK FEES		\$ (186.61)
DONATIONS		
Milford Masonic Temple - Welfare Donation	\$ 350.00	
Congregational Church	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
		\$ 375.00
REIMBURSEMENTS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		\$ 206,148.39
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE		\$ 300,000.00
<b>TOTAL 2016 RECEIPTS</b>		<b><u><u>\$ 4,341,860.92</u></u></b>

## STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2016

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$	4,500	
Health Insurance	\$	36,744	
Dental Insurance	\$	495	
Fica/Medicare	\$	8,490	
NH Retirement	\$	10,334	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	1,120	
Copier Lease	\$	4,819	
Phone & Internet	\$	1,844	
Advertising	\$	251	
Office Supplies	\$	3,701	
Postage	\$	3,819	
General Supplies	\$	621	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	1,275	
Administrator Salary	\$	53,381	
Deputy Administrator Salary	\$	40,944	
Administration Part-Time	\$	11,653	
Town Report Printing	\$	1,448	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	616	
General Contingency	\$	3,554	
Total Executive Office			\$ 189,609

### ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Deputy Town Clerk Salary	\$	5,785	
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$	4,652	
Town Clerk Salary	\$	23,310	
Fica/Medi	\$	2,600	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	29	
Municipal Agent Mail Program	\$	29	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	1,212	
Office Supplies	\$	1,101	
Books and Periodicals	\$	88	
Supervisors Clerical Wages	\$	215	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$	1,800	
Supervisors of the Checklist Conval	\$	225	
Moderator's Stipend	\$	50	
Advertising	\$	174	
Supervisors Office Supplies	\$	1,140	
Election Ballot Clerks	\$	996	
Election Printing	\$	547	
Election Meals	\$	367	
Total Election and Registration			\$ 44,320

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Financial Software	\$	20,712
Bank Services/Fees	\$	1,044
Auditing Services	\$	16,346
Treasurer Salary	\$	1,500
Deputy Treasurer	\$	375
Fica/Medicare	\$	201
Tax Collector Dues & Subscriptions	\$	40
Tax Software	\$	2,613



Tax Collector Fees	\$	2,635	
Abatement Interest	\$	16	
IT Support	\$	6,110	
Technology & Computers	\$	2,000	
Total Financial Administration			\$ 53,592
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS			
Office Supplies	\$	55	
Postage	\$	1	
Mileage	\$	77	
Total Trustees of Trust Funds			\$ 133
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT			
Assessing Services	\$	3,345	
Assessing Software	\$	1,739	
Total Property Assessment			\$ 5,084
LEGAL EXPENSES			
General Legal Support	\$	2,990	
Planning Board	\$	156	
Total Judicial & Legal Expense			\$ 3,146
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
Unemployment Compensation	\$	500	
Workers Compensation	\$	1,840	
Total Personnel Administration			\$ 2,340
PLANNING AND ZONING			
PB Recording Secretary	\$	958	
PB Fica/Medicare	\$	70	
PB SWRPC Member Dues	\$	1,609	
PB Miscellaneous	\$	276	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$	360	
ZBA Fica/Medicare	\$	28	
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$	207	
Total Planning and Zoning			\$ 3,508
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS			
TH Fire/Security Alarm	\$	1,431	
TH Cleaning Service	\$	3,666	
TH Bldng Repairs Maintenance	\$	3,018	
TH Janitorial Supplies	\$	733	
TH Electric	\$	2,943	
TH Heat	\$	4,543	
VFW Cleaning Service	\$	1,144	
VFW Bldng Repairs Maintenance	\$	513	
VFW Electric	\$	424	
VFW Heat	\$	1,167	
FD Fire Alarm	\$	105	
FD Cleaning Service	\$	1,248	
FD Bldng Repairs Maintenance	\$	3,016	
FD Electric	\$	2,935	
FD Heat	\$	2,572	
HW Bldng Repairs Maintenance	\$	1,202	
HW Electric	\$	1,394	

HW Heat	\$	567	
SWD Bldng Repairs Maintenance	\$	125	
SWD Electric	\$	1,141	
SWD Heat	\$	160	
WTR Electric	\$	10,062	
WTR Pumphouse Heat	\$	955	
SWR Electric	\$	5,104	
SWR Heat	\$	63	
REC Bldng Repairs Maintenance	\$	3,173	
REC Electric	\$	736	
GEN Groundskeeping	\$	2,974	
GEN Repairs Maintenance	\$	2,281	
GEN Electric	\$	450	
Total General Government			\$ 59,845

#### CEMETERIES

Evergreen Cemetery Groundskeeping	\$	3,762	
Sunnyside Cemetery Groundskeeping	\$	6,988	
Recording Secretary	\$	745	
Labor	\$	72	
Fica/Medicare	\$	54	
Stone/Tree Maintenance	\$	3,700	
Maintenance Supplies	\$	43	
Total Cemeteries			\$ 15,364

#### PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE

NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$	25,046	
Insurance Deductible Coverage	\$	1,000	
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance			\$ 26,046

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$	66,281	
Sergeant/Patrol Officer Salary	\$	53,530	
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$	26,018	
Crossing Guard Salary	\$	4,639	
Administrative Assistant	\$	3,985	
Overtime	\$	12,718	
On-Call Wages	\$	6,143	
Health Insurance	\$	46,676	
Dental Insurance	\$	1,312	
Fica/Medicare	\$	4,465	
Retirement	\$	34,418	
Regional Prosecutor	\$	29,660	
Dispatch Services	\$	13,961	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	25	
Education/Safety	\$	500	
IMC Software	\$	2,160	
Admin Telephone	\$	2,630	
Cellular Telephone	\$	360	
Office Supplies	\$	363	
Miscellaneous	\$	419	
Training Supplies	\$	290	
Equipment Supplies	\$	2,400	
Uniforms	\$	1,952	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$	883	



Gasoline	\$	2,729	
Special Detail Wages	\$	1,591	
Total Police Department			\$ 320,108
AMBULANCE SERVICE			
Antrim Ambulance	\$	8,000	
Total Ambulance Service			\$ 8,000
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Officers	\$	12,524	
Emergency Calls	\$	7,882	
Non-Emergency Wages	\$	14,472	
Health Insurance (shared employee)	\$	8,270	
Dental Insurance (shared employee)	\$	99	
Fica/Medicare	\$	2,670	
Retirement (shared employee)	\$	1,930	
Dispatch Service	\$	17,176	
Dues	\$	250	
Telephone	\$	878	
Cellphone	\$	480	
General Supplies	\$	2,175	
Training Courses	\$	1,464	
Health	\$	563	
Service Contracts	\$	4,943	
Radio Repairs	\$	1,301	
Equipment Replacement	\$	7,073	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$	3,190	
Vehicle Fuel	\$	1,377	
Forestry	\$	1,447	
Fire Prevention Materials	\$	496	
Total Fire Department			\$ 90,660
MEDICAL/RESCUE			
Training	\$	4,400	
Medical Supplies	\$	1,777	
Equipment Replacement	\$	383	
Total Medical/Rescue			\$ 6,560
CODE ENFORCEMENT			
Building Inspector Salary	\$	1,456	
Fica/Medicare	\$	111	
Mileage	\$	283	
Books & Education	\$	130	
Total Building Inspection			\$ 1,980
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Mileage	\$	29	
Supplies	\$	103	
Total Emergency Management			\$ 132
GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
Road Agent Salary	\$	41,391	
Highway Truck Driver Salary	\$	40,308	
Highway Laborer Salary	\$	21,619	
FT As Needed Assistance	\$	256	

PT As Needed Assistance	\$	382	
Overtime	\$	10,230	
Health Insurance	\$	59,081	
Dental Insurance	\$	1,460	
Fica/Medicare	\$	8,459	
Retirement	\$	12,586	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$	468	
Telephone	\$	1,411	
Cellphone	\$	165	
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$	9,507	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$	7,044	
Gasoline/Oil	\$	11,149	
General Supplies	\$	2,300	
Street Signs	\$	272	
Miscellaneous	\$	1,498	
Tar/Patch/Seal	\$	44,000	
Paving	\$	79,654	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$	12,780	
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$	24,319	
Gravel Preparation	\$	1,000	
Equipment Rental	\$	7,970	
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$	2,572	
Road Drainage Supplies	\$	3,056	
Total General Highway Department			\$ 404,937

#### STREET LIGHTING

Eversource	\$	8,590	
Total Street Lighting			\$ 8,590

#### TRANSFER STATION

Attendants Salary	\$	25,516	
Highway Dept. Assistance	\$	189	
As-Needed Assistance	\$	1,479	
Fica/Medicare	\$	2,068	
NRRA Annual Dues	\$	103	
Certification	\$	375	
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$	848	
Hauling and Disposal	\$	46,584	
Telephone	\$	394	
Recyclables Removal	\$	8,430	
Container Lease	\$	1,200	
Landfill Post-Closure Costs	\$	3,654	
General Supplies	\$	172	
Miscellaneous	\$	195	
Total Transfer Station			\$ 91,207

#### WATER DEPARTMENT

Labor Wages	\$	320	
Recording Secretary	\$	347	
Commissioners Salaries	\$	1,700	
Fica/Medicare	\$	282	
Town of Antrim	\$	28,506	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$	265	
Postage	\$	306	
Miscellaneous	\$	441	

Highway Dept Assistance	\$	230	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$	10,293	
Telephone	\$	1,058	
Water Samples	\$	915	
Corrosion Control	\$	2,655	
Total Water Department			\$ 47,318
SEWER DEPARTMENT			
Town of Antrim	\$	33,983	
Monitoring Fee	\$	447	
Generator Maintenance	\$	343	
Repair Maintenance	\$	1,880	
Total Sewer Department			\$ 36,653
HEALTH DEPARTMENT			
Fica/Medicare	\$	4	
Miscellaneous	\$	35	
Total Health Department			\$ 39
HEALTH AGENCIES			
Home Health Care	\$	4,000	
Monadnock Family Services	\$	1,845	
Total Health Agencies			\$ 5,845
WELFARE DEPARTMENT			
Welfare Director Salary	\$	3,036	
Fica/Medicare	\$	228	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	30	
Miscellaneous	\$	1,270	
Rental Assistance	\$	6,406	
Meals on Wheels	\$	480	
Vendor Payments - Food	\$	1,336	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$	1,162	
Total Welfare Department			\$ 13,948
PARKS AND RECREATION			
Miscellaneous	\$	546	
Recreation Committee	\$	773	
Fishing Derby	\$	827	
Little League	\$	4,489	
Groundskeeping (Labor)	\$	4,408	
Fica/Medicare	\$	337	
Rec Groundskeeping	\$	9,258	
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	\$	717	
Park Telephone	\$	341	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$	180	
Beach Groundskeeping	\$	50	
Beach Chem Toilets	\$	658	
Beach Telephone	\$	273	
Beach Supplies	\$	64	
Total Parks and Recreation			\$ 22,921
LIBRARY			
Librarian Salary	\$	48,239	
Librarian Assistants Salary	\$	24,646	



As-Needed Assistance	\$	546	
Health Insurance	\$	19,861	
Dental Insurance	\$	476	
Fica/Medicare	\$	5,618	
Group 1 Retirement	\$	5,285	
Technology	\$	192	
Photo Copier Supplies	\$	4,196	
Telephone	\$	553	
Conference Fees	\$	665	
Office Supplies	\$	1,907	
Program Supplies	\$	838	
Book Collection	\$	13,803	
Media Collection	\$	5,204	
Grounds Maintenance	\$	969	
Building Maintenance	\$	734	
Building Electricity	\$	1,504	
Building Heating Oil	\$	1,990	
Total Library			\$ 137,226
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Edward E. French Scholarships	\$	1,000	
Project LIFT	\$	400	
Total Education			\$ 1,400
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
Labor/Secretary	\$	495	
Fica/Medicare	\$	29	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	366	
Education	\$	420	
Total Conservation Commission			\$ 1,310
DEBT			
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$	3,832	
			\$ 3,832
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
Highway Truck CRF	\$	25,000	
Highway Equipment CRF	\$	10,000	
Road Rehab CRF	\$	15,000	
Mower CRF	\$	1,000	
Fire Truck CRF	\$	20,000	
Rescue Vehicle CRF	\$	2,500	
Breathing Apparatus CRF	\$	2,600	
FD Protective Gear CRF	\$	5,000	
Police Cruiser CRF	\$	10,000	
Water CRF	\$	20,500	
Property Reval CRF	\$	12,000	
Library Building CRF	\$	5,000	
Town Buildings CRF	\$	15,000	
Total Capital Reserve Funds			\$ 143,600
2016 WARRANT ARTICLES			
Contoocook Housing Trust	\$	300	
Contoocook Valley Transportation	\$	500	
Grapevine Family Center	\$	5,000	

American Red Cross	\$	700
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$	500
Child Advocacy Center	\$	500
Natural Resource Inventory	\$	2,202
Whittemore Beach Staffing	\$	6,000

Total 2016 Warrant Articles		<u>\$</u>	15,702
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SUBTOTAL - 2016 EXPENDITURES & WARRANT ARTICLES		<u>\$</u>	1,764,955
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Hillsborough County	\$	133,666
Local School Contribution	\$	1,655,968
State School Contribution	\$	227,405

Total Payments to Other Governments		<u>\$</u>	2,017,039
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<b>TOTAL 2016 EXPENDITURES</b>		<u><b>\$</b></u>	<u><b>3,781,994</b></u>
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## 2016 PAYROLL

<b>Michael Andersen</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 547.07	\$ 547.07
<b>Zackary Andersen</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 2,410.38	\$ 2,410.38
<b>Karen Bartlett</b>		
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 4,651.95	
Conservation Recording Secretary	\$ 490.00	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 40.00	
Water Dept. Recording Secretary	\$ 30.00	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$ 40.00	\$ 5,251.95
<b>Damon Beaudreau</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 120.45	\$ 120.45
<b>Debra Belcher</b>		
Town Clerk	\$ 23,310.04	
Cemetery Recording Secretary	\$ 705.00	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 915.00	
Water Dept. Recording Secretary	\$ 315.00	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$ 320.00	\$ 25,565.04
<b>Benjamin Billings</b>		
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 296.12	\$ 296.12
<b>Matthew Blanchard</b>		
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 229.50	\$ 229.50
<b>Vint Boggis</b>		
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 1,820.00	
Special Detail Wages	\$ 193.50	\$ 2,013.50
<b>Dario Carrara</b>		
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 1,456.25	\$ 1,456.25
<b>James Cleary</b>		
Selectman	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Howard Clow</b>		
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 11,234.56	\$ 11,234.56



## 2016 PAYROLL

<b>Mackenzie Connors</b>		
Whittemore Beach Attendant	<u>\$ 1,440.00</u>	\$ 1,440.00
<b>Bethany Craig</b>		
Whittemore Beach Attendant	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	\$ 600.00
<b>Debra Davidson</b>		
Welfare Officer	<u>\$ 3,036.00</u>	\$ 3,036.00
<b>Rhonda Davie</b>		
Deputy Treasurer	\$ 125.00	
Treasurer	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	\$ 875.00
<b>David Desaulniers</b>		
Water Commissioner Salary	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	\$ 500.00
<b>Adam Dunning</b>		
FD Administration	\$ 588.19	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,661.31</u>	\$ 2,249.50
<b>Lionel Emond</b>		
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 5,139.04	
Special Detail Wages	<u>\$ 709.50</u>	\$ 5,848.54
<b>David Foster</b>		
Highway Department Assistance	\$ 210.00	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,186.67</u>	\$ 1,396.67
<b>Denise French</b>		
Town Administrator	<u>\$ 53,381.12</u>	\$ 53,381.12
<b>Wayne Frye</b>		
Transfer Station Assistance	<u>\$ 263.25</u>	\$ 263.25
<b>Dorothy Gates</b>		
Crossing Guard	<u>\$ 4,638.84</u>	\$ 4,638.84
<b>Brian Gentile</b>		
Whittemore Beach Attendant	<u>\$ 2,760.00</u>	\$ 2,760.00
<b>Brenda Gibbons</b>		
Supervisor of the Checklist	<u>\$ 725.00</u>	\$ 725.00
<b>Patrick Greene</b>		
Transfer Station Assistance	<u>\$ 225.00</u>	

## 2016 PAYROLL

<b>Bruce Hall</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 44.12</u>	\$ 44.12
<b>Matthew Hall</b>		
FD Administration	\$ 703.13	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 3,490.31</u>	\$ 4,193.44
<b>Daniel Heffernan</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 373.03</u>	\$ 373.03
<b>Walter Kiblin</b>		
Highway Driver - Regular	\$ 39,792.65	
Highway Driver - Overtime	\$ 1,821.82	
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 621.76</u>	\$ 42,236.23
<b>Kristie LaPlante</b>		
Deputy Administrator	<u>\$ 40,944.24</u>	\$ 40,944.24
<b>Jason Lepine</b>		
Polcie Sergeant	\$ 53,529.84	
Overtime	\$ 7,256.24	
Special Detail Wages	\$ 172.00	
On-Call	<u>\$ 3,925.00</u>	\$ 64,883.08
<b>Leslie MacGregor</b>		
Library Director	<u>\$ 48,238.84</u>	\$ 48,238.84
<b>Philip Marcellino</b>		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 3,280.00</u>	\$ 3,280.00
<b>Catherine McGillicuddy</b>		
Part-Time Police Admin	<u>\$ 3,984.53</u>	\$ 3,984.53
<b>Lester Milton</b>		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 10,530.64</u>	\$ 10,530.64
<b>Joyce Miner</b>		
Deputy Treasurer	\$ 250.00	
Treasurer	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Francis Morrill Jr.</b>		
Part-Time Police Officer	<u>\$ 5,340.00</u>	\$ 5,340.00
<b>Keith Nason</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,739.40</u>	\$ 1,739.40

## 2016 PAYROLL

<b>Joseph O'Brien</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 460.96</u>	\$ 460.96
<b>William OConnor</b>		
Transfer Station Attendant	<u>\$ 13,950.13</u>	\$ 13,950.13
<b>Linda Osienski</b>		
Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 371.22	
Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 40.68</u>	\$ 411.90
<b>Steven Osienski</b>		
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
<b>David Parker</b>		
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 627.69	
Recreation Groundskeeping	<u>\$ 4,407.67</u>	\$ 5,035.36
<b>Kaitlyn Phillips</b>		
Whittemore Beach Attendant	<u>\$ 1,122.50</u>	\$ 1,122.50
<b>Scott Plourde</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 250.64</u>	\$ 250.64
<b>Jason Powers</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 2,770.05</u>	\$ 2,770.05
<b>Kristin Readel</b>		
Library Assistant	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	\$ 60.00
<b>Lori Ricci</b>		
Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 11,591.66</u>	\$ 11,591.66
<b>Michael Roina</b>		
FD Administration	\$ 11,683.36	
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 5,896.52	
Highway Laborer- Regular	\$ 22,079.06	
Highway Laborer- Overtime	\$ 1,269.16	
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 24.06	
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 765.91</u>	\$ 41,718.07
<b>Jeffrey Rose</b>		
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00



## 2016 PAYROLL

### Gary Russell

Road Agent - Salary	\$ 37,703.89	
Road Agent - Overtime	\$ 7,138.61	
Short Term Disability Insurance	\$ 3,800.54	
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 155.32	
Water Line Maintenance	<u>\$ 135.96</u>	
		\$ 48,934.32

### Dwayne Searles

Transfer Station Assistance	<u>\$ 399.00</u>	
		\$ 399.00

### Melissa Searles

Library Assistant	\$ 24,645.92	
Supervisor of the Checklist	\$ 735.00	
Website Maintenance	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	
		\$ 26,130.92

### John Spanos

Water Commissioner Salary	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
		\$ 500.00

### Bret Sullivan

Police Chief	\$ 66,281.28	
Overtime	\$ 5,402.10	
On-Call	\$ 2,187.00	
Special Detail Wages	<u>\$ 516.00</u>	
		\$ 74,386.38

### Jeffrey Tarr

Highway Department Assistance	<u>\$ 172.50</u>	
		\$ 172.50

### Christine Tarrío

Part-Time Library Assistance	<u>\$ 546.00</u>	
		\$ 546.00

### Victoria Turner

Supervisor of the Checklist	<u>\$ 780.00</u>	
		\$ 780.00

### Debra Whitney

Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 5,413.52	
Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 21.00</u>	
		\$ 5,434.52

### Glenn Wilson

Water Department Wages	\$ 320.00	
Water Commissioner Salary	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	
		\$ 1,020.00

**Total Payroll**

**\$ 593,801.20**

MS-9 REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING 12/31/2016

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					PRINCIPAL				INCOME			TOTAL	MARKET VALUE			
Date Cre- ated	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	%	Beginning Balance	Additions	Capital Gains/ -Losses	With- drawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Amount	Expended During Year	Ending Balance	Principal & Income	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Ending Market Value
Fire Department																
1990	Fire Truck	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	75.45	212,802.60	20,000.00	3,476.32	0.00	236,278.92	8,592.52	2,324.39	0.00	10,916.91	247,195.83	433.68	247,629.51
1997	Rescue Truck	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	12.96	32,934.17	2,500.00	611.19	0.00	36,045.36	6,015.49	408.76	0.00	6,424.25	42,469.61	74.51	42,544.12
2001	Fire Department Radios	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010	Fire Department SCBA	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	9.83	29,282.36	2,600.00	470.68	1,225.20	31,127.84	799.71	313.89	0.00	1,073.60	32,201.44	56.49	32,257.93
2013	Fire Department Protective Gear	Equipment	Common CRF	1.75	675.06	5,000.00	13.36	0.00	5,688.42	52.47	8.43	0.00	60.90	5,749.32	10.09	5,759.41
Total Fire Department					275,694.19	30,100.00	4,571.55	1,225.20	309,140.54	15,420.19	3,055.47	0.00	18,475.66	327,616.20	574.77	328,190.97
Expendable Trusts																
2014	Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust	Cemetery Maintenance	Common CRF	100.00	2,009.07	0.00	31.80	0.00	2,040.87	20.82	21.28	0.00	42.10	2,082.97	3.65	2,086.62
Total Expendable Trusts					2,009.07	0.00	31.80	0.00	2,040.87	20.82	21.28	0.00	42.10	2,082.97	3.65	2,086.62
Highway Department																
1997	Highway Dept. Equipment	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	49.70	29,555.30	10,000.00	519.87	0.00	40,075.17	3,377.33	346.84	0.00	3,724.17	43,799.34	76.84	43,876.18
1999	Highway Department Truck	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	17.03	23,065.48	0.00	358.12	8,691.59	14,732.01	42.81	232.46	0.00	275.27	15,007.28	26.33	15,033.61
1999	Highway Department Mower	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	5.54	1,805.57	1,000.00	59.65	0.00	2,865.22	1,976.98	39.81	0.00	2,016.79	4,882.01	8.56	4,890.57
2009	Road Rehabilitation	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	27.73	16,653.51	15,000.00	269.63	8,064.98	23,958.16	412.12	172.19	0.00	584.31	24,442.47	42.88	24,485.35
Total Highway Department					71,079.86	26,000.00	1,207.27	16,756.57	81,530.56	5,809.24	791.30	0.00	6,600.54	88,131.10	154.61	88,285.71
General																
1993	Water Department	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	4.41	37,539.10	20,500.00	565.40	54,995.17	3,609.33	13,593.42	375.97	5,660.58	8,308.81	11,918.14	20.91	11,939.05
1994	Library	Structure Repair	Common CRF	16.75	40,843.43	5,000.00	644.97	1,952.50	44,535.90	255.23	429.47	0.00	684.70	45,220.60	79.33	45,299.93
1997	Sewer	Equipment	Common CRF	34.17	78,329.90	0.00	1,440.50	2,121.18	77,649.22	13,644.99	963.18	0.00	14,608.17	92,257.39	161.86	92,419.25
1999	Police Cruiser	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	5.53	31,654.05	10,000.00	76.73	28,595.00	13,135.78	1,734.06	67.42	0.00	1,801.48	14,937.26	26.21	14,963.47
2001	Bridge Repair Expendable Tr	Expendable Trust	Common CRF	9.62	20,398.79	0.00	396.37	0.00	20,795.16	4,900.85	265.24	0.00	5,166.09	25,961.25	45.55	26,006.80
2001	Town Buildings Expendable	Expendable Trust	Common CRF	18.98	75,555.71	0.00	1,237.23	30,635.00	46,157.94	4,294.80	802.57	0.00	5,097.37	51,255.31	89.92	51,345.23
2001	Bridge Replacement	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	5.72	22,121.39	0.00	234.28	7,435.03	14,920.64	350.34	167.38	0.00	517.72	15,436.36	27.08	15,465.44
2001	Sidewalk Repair	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	0.00	41,140.36	53.25	388.47	41,582.08	0.00	14,862.26	389.94	0.00	8.87	12,995.80	0.02	8.89
2002	Revaluation	Capital Reserve	Common CRF	4.81	916.60	12,000.00	19.81	0.00	12,936.41	47.35	12.04	0.00	59.39	12,995.80	22.80	13,016.60
Total General					348,499.33	47,553.25	5,003.76	167,315.96	233,740.38	53,683.30	3,473.21	20,903.91	36,252.60	269,992.98	473.68	270,466.66
GRAND TOTAL: CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS																
GRAND TOTAL: BENNINGTON					875,812.21	103,653.25	13,172.52	165,388.68	807,249.30	95,639.72	14,877.10	24,221.45	86,295.37	893,544.67	6,576.29	900,120.96

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUND/EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

### Highway Department:

The Town expended \$8,691.59 from the Highway Truck CRF for equipping the 2015 Freight-liner six-wheel dump truck which was purchased December 2015.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$25,000 to the Highway Truck CRF; payment was made directly to Grappone Automotive Group rather than the Trustees of Trust Funds.

The Town expended \$7,435.03 from the Bridge Replacement CRF for final costs associated with the Town's 10% grant match for replacement of the Antrim/Bennington bridge.

The Town expended \$8,064.98 from the Road Rehabilitation CRF for costs associated with the Town's 20% grant match for the second phase of the Transportation Enhancement Project.

The Town expended \$56,825.41 from the Sidewalk CRF for costs associated with the Town's 20% grant match for the second phase of the Transportation Enhancement Project.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$10,000 to the Highway Equipment CRF, \$1,000 to Highway Department Mower CRF, and \$15,000 to the Road Rehabilitation CRF.

The Funding Committee voted not to appropriate funds to the Bridge Repair Expendable Trust Fund, \$0 Bridge Replacement CRF, and \$0 to the Sidewalk CRF.

December 31, 2016 CRF/ETF balances for all Highway Department accounts are as follows:

Equipment	\$ 43,799.34
Trucks	\$ 15,007.28
Mower	\$ 4,882.01
Road Rehabilitation	\$ 24,442.47
Bridge Repair	\$ 25,961.25
Bridge Replacement	\$ 15,438.36
Sidewalk	<u>\$ 8.87</u>
Cumulative Balance	<u>\$129,539.58</u>

### Fire Department:

The Town expended \$1,225.20 from the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) CRF for equipment maintenance.

The Funding committee voted to appropriate \$20,000 to the Fire Trucks CRF, \$2,500 to the Rescue Vehicle CRF, \$2,600 to the SCBA CRF, and \$5,000 to the Fire Department Protective Gear CRF.

December 31, 2016 CRF balances for all Fire Department accounts are as follows:

Fire Trucks	\$247,195.83
Rescue Vehicle	\$ 42,469.61
SCBA	\$ 32,201.44
Protective Gear	<u>\$ 5,749.32</u>
Cumulative Balance	<u>\$327,616.20</u>



**Police Department:**

The Town expended \$28,595 from the Police Cruiser CRF in 2016 for the 2015 purchase of a Ford Explorer cruiser.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$10,000 to the Police Cruiser CRF.

December 31, 2016 balance for the Police Cruiser CRF is \$14,937.26

**Utility Departments:**

The Town expended \$60,655.75 from the Water Department CRF for \$28,470 costs associated with well redevelopment and pump reconditioning, 2016 continued construction of the Eaton Avenue water loop at a cost of \$17,190.58 and 2015 Eaton Avenue construction costs of \$14,995.17 which were paid in 2016.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$20,500 to the Water Department CRF.

The Town expended \$2,121.18 from the Sewer Dredging CRF for completion of the sewer lagoon dredging project.

The Funding Committee voted not to appropriate funds to the Sewer Dredging CRF since the fund is specific to dredging. The Funding Committee did vote that the Sewer Dredging CRF should be discontinued with funds and accumulated interest transferred to the Town's general fund. (See 2017 Warrant Article 5).

December 31, 2016 CRF balances for the Utility Departments are as follows:

Water	\$ 11,918.14
Sewer	\$ <u>92,257.39</u>
Cumulative Balance	<u>\$104,175.53</u>

**Municipal Departments:**

The Town expended \$30,635 from the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund for painting three sides of Town Hall (\$28,750) and Fire Department roof replacement (\$16,885).

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund which was added to the withdrawal of \$30,635 (above).

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$12,000 to the Revaluation CRF.

December 31, 2016 CRF/ETF balances for all Municipal Department accounts are as follows:

Town Buildings	\$51,255.31
Revaluation	<u>\$12,995.80</u>
Cumulative Balance	<u>\$64,251.11</u>

**Library:**

The Library Trustees expended \$1,952.50 from the Library CRF for expenses related to chimney repairs.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$5,000 to the Library CRF.

December 31, 2016 balance for the Library CRF is \$45,220.60

The cumulative balance of all Capital Reserve Funds / Expendable Trust Funds  
as of December 31, 2016 is \$685,740.28

## GEP DODGE LIBRARY

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Monday-9AM-6PM, Tuesday-12-6PM, Thursday-12-8PM, Friday-12-5PM, Sunday-4-6PM

2016 seems to have been a year of redefining our physical space. After many years of holding our Summer Reading Programs and activities in a carport sized tent, we realized that repeatedly replacing the worn out tents and going through the annual worry about their condition and of the timing of setting them up and taking them down, that we should come up with a more permanent solution. Thank you to the pergola designed by Joe MacGregor and to the combined volunteer labor of Joe MacGregor, David McKenzie, Mike Munhall, Gary Pearson, and Brian Wilmoth, a wooden pergola was constructed over a period of two weekends. The pergola covers the same space that the previous carport tents covered and with the addition of a waterproof roof, it will be available for use through damp weather as well.

In addition to using our new pergola for warm weather programs, we held other programs at various other venues in Town. We held the Bike Rodeo at Newhall Field, the Trivia Game Night, a couple of adult programs and the children's Halloween program at the VFW Hall, and we experimented with the space upstairs at the Town Hall for our Winter Holiday program. There were some difficulties with each of the other building spaces as well, but at least they are available to us as an alternative location in Town to provide indoor programming to more than a handful of people at a time.

Not all of our programming required a lot of space. We had ongoing activities and games that included various scavenger hunts, a *Peeps* diorama contest, '*Poetree*' creations, a *Story Walk* through the Bruce Edes Forest, games, craft activities, and various monthly and seasonal programs for all age groups. Some of our scheduled weekly and monthly groups include Preschool story times, LEGOS, Snap Circuit labs, Great Stone Face Book Group, Eager Readers Book Group, visits from Pierce School classes, and an Adult Book Group.

The 2016 Summer Reading Program was entitled '*On Your Mark Get Set...Read!*', a theme that emphasized healthy eating, exercise, competition and group cooperation. Over the five week program, 87 readers of all ages participated in various activities that included field trips, hikes, story times, scavenger hunts, games and craft projects. We also held what we hope to be our first of many more Bike Rodeos and Family Trivia Nights.

The GEP Dodge Library houses a materials collection of 25,624 items that includes 2,206 DVDs, 745 sound recordings and 28 periodical subscriptions. In addition, our patrons have access to a rotating DVD collection and a STEAM collection of two sets of Snap Circuits and LEGOs belonging to the Nubanusit Library Cooperative, of which our Library is a member. Through our online catalog and a Library Card, our patrons have access to the *NH Overdrive* collection through the New Hampshire State Library that includes a vast digital collection of e-books, audio books, and e-periodicals. In addition to *NH Overdrive*, the Library has a subscription to *Tumblebooks* - an online collection of animated talking picture books, *Ancestry.com*, *Heritage.com*, *NHU-PAC*, (the Statewide Library catalog), *Consumer Health Complete*, *EbscoHost*, *Explora for public libraries*, *Explora for grades K-8*, *Medline plus*, *Geni*, *Libri Vox*, *Newspaper Source*, *Novelist*, *Novelist K-8*, and *Project Gutenberg*.



In 2016 1,486 Bennington patrons checked out 17,681 print, audio and visual items from our own Library collection. Through the NH State Library's inter-library loan, we loaned 870 items and our patrons borrowed 944 items. Interlibrary loan gives access to all NH public libraries as well as college and university collections, providing patrons with access to materials that are of rare and limited edition, are out of print, too expensive for us to acquire, or are items that we don't have room to shelve.

If you are looking for a fun day out consider borrowing a museum pass from the Library. Museum passes provide patron access to a variety of museum types. The passes are purchased through fund raising and donations. Our current passes are to the *Museum of Fine Arts* in Boston, *The Currier Museum of Art* in Manchester, NH, *The Fells* in Newbury, NH, *The Mariposa Museum*, in Peterborough, NH, *The Seacoast Science Center*, *Odiome State Park*, Rye, NH and *VINS* in Quechee, Vt.

An old building requires ongoing maintenance and repair. In 2016 we repaired the chimney's bricks, flashing, and liner and had a chimney cap added. This finished the repair to the Library's slate roof and vent that had begun in 2015.

In June, the Friends of the Library, spearheaded by Molly Eppig and Janice McKenzie, held their fourth Rhubarb Festival fundraiser for the Library's Building Campaign. The festival included the sale of rhubarb plants, a baking contest, and a craft fair. This year's Rhubarb Festival spanned the length of Main Street with craft vendors located at the Common, on the Library's green spaces, and on the apron of the Bennington Garage. New to the festival this year were the dancers of the Monadnock Mavericks, a farm animal petting zoo contributed by the Osienski family, and Blueberry Hill Design Works who made on the spot t-shirts for Festival attendees.

Our Library runs on the fuel made up of the generous goodwill of our citizen patrons. Thank you to all of the generosity, guidance and support given to us from Town Hall and from the Highway Department. Throughout the year, all of our many projects and activities were only possible with their help and with the help of many individuals, including the following: Joe MacGregor, Dwayne Searles, Carolyn Tripp, Janice and David McKenzie, Molly and Peter Eppig, Jill and Brian Wilmoth, Meredith Desaulniers, Jon and Robyn Manley, David Glynn, Linda Osienski, Cheryl Riley, Blueberry Hill Designs/Carrie Whittemore and her daughters Kelly Shirk and Shauna Whittemore, Deb and Rich Page, Mike Munhall, Gary Pearson, John and RoAnne Cronin, the Patel family, Debi Belcher and family, Leslie and Allison Hodgen, Claudia Sysyn, Val Germain, Meredith Lyons, Victoria Burnham, Brianne and Mark Bastarache, DJ Wing, Milford/Francetown Masons, Mike Roina, Bret Sullivan, Kristen Readel, Colleen Allen, Betty Coffin Brooks, Richard and Linda Delay, and Rose Melanson. On a weekly basis, we get all sorts of support and good cheer from our loyal and constant volunteers who are forever willing to step right in: Christine Tarrio, Chris Maple, Kristin Readel, Allison Hodgen, Robert Gross, Joe MacGregor, and Dwayne Searles.

There is so much to see, to do, to read, to learn and to discover. Start your journey at your Library!

Leslie MacGregor, Director  
Melissa Searles, Assistant Director

Jill Wilmoth, Trustee Chair  
Molly Eppig, Trustee Treasurer  
Jeannette Regis, Trustee  
David McKenzie, Trustee Alternate

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

I would like to start by thanking the citizens of Bennington. With your continued support, we purchased a new Police Cruiser in 2016. We were able to sell our old cruiser and use the money towards the purchase of a new one. Because we transitioned from a Ford Crown Victoria to a new Ford Explorer we could no longer use the old equipment. I would like to thank Keith Nason who was able to donate thousands of dollars worth of needed equipment to outfit our new Cruiser. I would also like to thank Dave Foster who donated countless hours and his experience to install everything. THANK YOU both very much for your donations!

I would also like to thank the Bennington Police Department staff. I know the work and dedication you have put in and I appreciate everything you have done. On a side note, on December 31, 2016, Officer Morrill retired from Police work. With over 25 years in law enforcement, his experience and knowledge will be greatly missed. Enjoy your retirement!

The Bennington Police Department once again investigated numerous Felony cases in 2016, including Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Drug Investigations (dealing drugs), among others. These cases are always the most bothersome to me. Any information citizens can provide for us is greatly appreciated. Although these cases take an enormous amount of time, we are dedicated to investigating each one to the fullest extent.

I would like to add – several residents have been the victim of either phone scams or identity theft in 2016. The common ones are computer repair, phone company, IRS, donations, winning a lottery, and several others. Please, if you have ANY question about authenticity of the caller and their demands, call us. None of the ones listed will be calling you at home or threatening to arrest you for not paying an amount. Also, be careful buying anything online. You're taking chances by doing that and you may never get your money returned.

In closing, 2017 will bring on many challenges for us. I look forward to another year working for the Town of Bennington. Be safe and enjoy 2017!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bret Sullivan  
Police Chief

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bennington Emergency Management had another busy year in 2016. To enhance our staffing, we added another member to our team. Jason Powers, who also serves on the Bennington Fire and Rescue Department, comes with a significant level of training which will help to round out the Management team which currently encompasses Kristie LaPlante, Deputy Emergency Management Director and Keith Nason, Emergency Management Director.

During 2016 Emergency Management continued to bring together the Police and Fire Departments to create a stronger relationship in regards to training, information sharing, and community relations. One of the primary focuses of Emergency Management during 2016 was the continued work with Pierce School to enhance safety for our children and teachers. During 2017 there will be a continuation of the Fire Department drills and additional basic Law Enforcement sponsored drills for the students and teachers. Law Enforcement will also complete more advanced trainings within the school environment (no children will be present) with surrounding agencies to provide a tactical response plan.

Emergency Management started creating an entirely new Local Emergency Operations Plan throughout 2016 which required many of the Town's departments such as the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, and Town Administration to work together to incorporate best practices and specific operational/tactical procedures in the event of any emergency. The Emergency Management team met several times monthly and has made great progress. We expect to have the new Plan completed by spring.

Please like us on Facebook to keep up to date with emergency information and important Town updates (Bennington, NH Emergency Management), download the ReadyNH app on your mobile phone for regional emergency information, and please remember if you see something that appears out of place, say something right away.

As we continue to enhance our community involvement and education we are encouraging anyone with comments, questions or ideas to contact us. Calls can be made to the Town Office during normal business hours or through the Police Department after hours. Email Keith at [EMD@BenningtonNHfire.com](mailto:EMD@BenningtonNHfire.com) or Kristie [DEMD@benningtonNHfire.com](mailto:DEMD@benningtonNHfire.com)

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith W. Nason  
Emergency Management Director



## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

At the beginning of the year we enjoyed a mild winter pattern that lasted through the remaining winter months. The good weather continued through spring resulting in a very easy mud season. Spring clean-up and road grading and raking was done while simultaneously helping with the start of Phase II of the Downtown Improvement Project.

The Downtown Improvement Project was a lot smoother going than Phase I, due in large part to working with a different contractor. We did have several headaches at the start of the project with drainage and telephone lines not being located where they were professionally marked. And a Downtown Improvement Project would not be complete without finding another cistern - this one at the entrance to Sunnyside Cemetery.

With a warmer and dryer than normal summer it was hard to keep our dust control methods working. With a low water table we were not able to utilize most of the places we normally would to fill up the tank truck for dust control. Roadside mowing was finished by a contractor due to staff shortage. Fall grading and clean up was completed just in time to gear up for winter again.

We rented an excavator at the end of the summer to help remove 5,300 yards of sand from the lot across from Newhall Field. Of the sand that was hauled, some was used for winter sand and the rest will be used for making pug mill mix for resurfacing some of our roads. While we had the equipment we also replaced a 36" culvert on Switzer Road and two smaller culverts on Gillis Hill Road.

With the savings of an easy winter and mud season, we were able to do more paving and sealing than was originally planned. We dug down and resurfaced Antrim Road from the end of the Downtown Improvement Project towards Starrett Road. We were also able to pave just under one mile on North Bennington Road and we sand-sealed the remainder of Antrim Road, Paradise Drive, and the upper portion of Dodge Hill Road.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary S. Russell  
Road Agent

## TRANSFER STATION

In 2016 we shipped 357.25 tons of household solid waste, 61.12 tons of demolition, 44.62 tons of mixed paper, 11.53 tons of plastic, two 30-yard containers of aluminum cans, one 30-yard container of tin cans, 38.13 tons of glass, 5.6 tons of e-waste, and 20.38 tons of metal. The tire container that we received at the first of the year is only half-full so there was no cost in that line item for 2016.

So what exactly do we recycle in Bennington? We recycle the following:

Glass	Glass of all colors is acceptable – no more sorting! Labels do not have to be removed; containers must be rinsed
Paper	Mixed paper is accepted; however, pizza boxes and wrapping paper are not accepted
Metal Cans	Tin, steel, or aluminum are accepted in one gallon or smaller sizes. Labels do not have to be removed; containers must be rinsed
Plastic	Empty soda, juice, milk and water jugs, and other household products. Containers must be rinsed and caps removed
Batteries	Wet cell motor vehicle batteries and flashlight batteries – please give to attendant
Used Motor Oil	Cannot contain water or antifreeze
Metal Objects	Scrap metal has its own container; coated mesh wire is not accepted
Tree limbs/brush	Accepted at the burn pile if less than 18' long and 5" in diameter
Leaves & Lawn clippings	Separate pile

The brush pile is strictly for tree limbs and brush; absolutely no dimensional lumber is accepted.

In addition to traditional recyclables there are items that require a fee for disposal. Some of those items include couches, mattresses, rugs, refrigerator, air conditioner, white goods, electronics, tires, and demolition. A full list of these items is available at the Transfer Station or on our website <http://www.townofbennington.com/governmentdepartments/transferstation>

Gently used items – books, toys, small kitchenware, etc - may be recycled in our Swap Shop; clothing can be recycled in the Salvation Army receptacle located behind the Transfer Station office.

The more we separate and recycle means less waste going into the compactor. For every ton in the compactor it costs the Town \$100 to have it hauled away. If you are ever in doubt please ask one of our attendants prior to disposal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary S. Russell  
Road Agent

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 1989, Bennington established a Conservation Commission with the purpose of conserving, protecting, and managing Bennington's natural and historical resources.

The Conservation Commission would like to highlight our projects and accomplishments for 2016.

To begin, we would like to acknowledge Tom James as our newest Conservation Commission member. We appreciate his interest and desire to become our seventh Conservation member and welcome him to our Commission.

Our main focus in 2016 was the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). In accordance with a State mandate, all NH Towns are expected to have a Natural Resources Inventory as part the Master Plan. An NRI identifies and describes naturally occurring resources currently found within a municipality.

After reviewing bids for the NRI, we decided to distribute the cost by completing the project in two years. In March, voters approved \$3,000, allowing us to begin Phase I of our NRI. Moosewood Ecological was hired and worked with the Commission to determine goals and create a scope of work suitable for Bennington.

Moosewood Ecological facilitated a community forum in October. Those in attendance provided input on the topic "What Makes Bennington Special." Natural resources included the Contoocook River, Powder Mill Pond, Whittemore Lake, Crotched Mountain Ski Area, and the snowmobile corridor and rail trail. Also included were forests and wildlife habitats and the aquifers that provide clean drinking water to residents.

A first set of maps has been created which provides a visual overview of wetlands, sand and gravel assets, unfragmented lands, aquifers, and conservation land. Once the NRI is complete it will serve the Town and its various boards as a valuable tool to identify our resources as unique assets to be used wisely and to be protected for the future.

Trail Maintenance in the Bruce Edes Town Forest is ongoing. Sections of a large tree, which had fallen and was blocking the trail, were removed. A short section of the trail was rerouted, providing better views of the river and a stream crossing was rebuilt.

Conversations were initiated with State agencies regarding public access across the railroad trestle between the Bruce Edes Town Forest and the rail trail/bike path, extending north to Hillsborough. Rebuilding the bridge may be a possibility in the future.

The Commission awarded two Bennington students Conservation Education scholarships for the Harris Center for Conservation Education. Allison Hodgen and Uli Wilmoth attended a week long summer camp in July.

Our 8th Annual Earth Day event was held April 20<sup>th</sup>. Participants enjoyed a complimentary waffle breakfast before heading out to clean up the road sides throughout the Town. Over 100 bags of trash were collected; we would like to thank the Highway Department for their continued support of this event. While volunteers picked up litter, Conservation members took some time to work on invasive species mitigation near the VFW.



Lastly, a perambulation of the Bennington Town Line bordering Greenfield from Route 31 west to the Contoocook River was completed in 2016.

We would like to extend our appreciation to all Bennington community members for their participation at our Earth Day event and NRI Community Forum. Residents, organizations, and other interested parties are welcome to attend our monthly Conservation Commission meeting held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bennington Conservation Commission

## PLANNING BOARD

In New Hampshire, the Planning Board has several functions. Its adjudicative functions include regulation of Land Subdivisions, review of Site Plans, and regulation of Excavations. Legislative functions include preparation and adoption of the Master Plan and the Capital Improvement Program and recommendation of changes to the Zoning Ordinance, which take the form of proposed Warrant Articles for voter approval.

The Planning Board proposed two zoning Warrant Articles for the 2016 Town Meeting. Both were approved by the voters. One Article clarified setback requirements for septic systems and the other resolved a conflict between the Zoning Ordinance and the Excavation Regulations regarding setback requirements.

The Board will propose two zoning Warrant Articles for the 2017 Town Meeting. The first Article rewrites the Sign Ordinance, in part to comply with a U S Supreme Court ruling that requires Sign Ordinances to be neutral as to sign content. The second is a new Article that addresses Accessory Dwelling Units in light of a new State law that takes effect on June 1, 2017.

The Planning Board completed work on the 2016 update to the Town's Master Plan. The previous update to the Master Plan was completed in 2005. The updated Master Plan can be accessed at the Town website, [www.townofbennington.com](http://www.townofbennington.com), via the Government/Departments pulldown menu and click on Planning Board. A printed copy of the Plan is also available in the lobby of the Town Hall.

The Board received no formal applications for Site Plan Reviews, Subdivisions, or Lot-Line Adjustments in 2016. The Board met informally with several property owners regarding potential changes that might conflict with the Zoning Ordinance. The Board advised the Selectmen of a request by a Bennington resident who owns property in Greenfield that abuts the Bennington Town line. The property in question cannot be reached for emergency services from the Town of Greenfield except by a Class VI road that is frequently impassable. The property owner asked that the Town of Bennington accept responsibility for providing emergency services to the site. Such a request is not unprecedented. Meeting with the Planning Board, the property owner agreed to bring the approximately 20 feet of road in Greenfield that is needed to access his driveway up to class V standards.

Excavators must receive permits from both the State and the Town. The Board received one request for renewal of a gravel pit Excavation Permit in 2016. The request was granted, and the Town approval is now set to expire in 2020, at the same time the State permit comes up for renewal. One of the three gravel pits in Town changed ownership in 2016. The new owner asked the Planning Board to allow the transfer of the previous owner's Excavation permit to the new owner. The Board approved the transfer, pending receipt of the State of New Hampshire Alteration of Terrain Permit for the property, which was subsequently received. The new owner posted the required reclamation bond and the Planning Board advised the Town to release the reclamation bond posted by the previous owner.

Respectfully Submitted,

David McKenzie, Chair  
Sam Cohen  
Chris Maple, Vice-Chair  
Jeff Rose, *ex-officio*  
Donald Trow

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

2016 was a fairly normal year. No new houses were permitted, although I stayed busy assisting property owners with zoning and building questions, processed permit applications, completed plan review, issued permits, and performed required inspections of buildings and trade work. The New Hampshire Building Officials Association awarded me their Building Inspector of the Year award for 2016. The office staff and Fire Chief Roina have been great to work with and I appreciate that very much.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dario Carrara  
Building Inspector  
Code Enforcement Officer



## **HUMAN SERVICES**

In 2016 the Welfare Department was able to stay within the approved budget, despite financial challenges faced by many residents here in Bennington. When qualified residents sought support for specific assistance, the Department was able to provide the necessary support.

Issues related to requiring assistance were primarily homelessness, unemployment, family separations, under-employment, and job layoffs.

As in previous years, the Welfare Department and Select Board have responded to these needs in a timely and supportive manner. I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to the Board for their continued guidance and support.

Expenditures in 2016 included: rental assistance, mortgage assistance, security deposits/first month rent, support to assist in relocation, electricity, fuel, medication, and food. The majority of the recipients were families with children. Shelter systems, 211 and other resources were contacted and referrals for support were made as needed.

There are clear guidelines and procedures all applicants must follow prior to receiving assistance. There are also guidelines in place outlining what is considered a "basic need." The application process is thorough, requires verification of the information provided, and requires a signed release of information to allow the research necessary to validate need.

Once again, I cannot adequately express the gratitude for the support from local organizations. The Bennington Police Department, Town Office Staff, local food pantries, churches, VFW, Salvation Army, Peterborough Rotary, Toys for Tots, and many other organizations and individuals that give so generously to residents in their time of need. Thank you to everyone who helped families at different times throughout the year with different types of need.

If you find yourself in a situation and need to talk it through or to see what is or is not available to you, please feel free to contact me at the Town Office (588-2189) and I will work with you to get the assistance you may qualify for.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Davidson  
Human Services Director



**Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services**  
Report to the Town of  
**BENNINGTON**  
2016  
Annual Report

In 2016, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Bennington. The following information represents HCS's activities in Bennington during the past twelve months.

**Service Report**

<b>Services Offered</b>	<b>Services Provided</b>
Nursing .....	373 Visits
Physical Therapy .....	254 Visits
Occupational Therapy.....	95Visits
Medical Social Work .....	20 Visits
Home Health Aide .....	157 Visits
Chronic Care .....	263 Hours

Total Unduplicated Residents Served with home care services: 45

Hospice services, Nurse Is In clinics and Healthy Starts prenatal and well child care are also available to residents.. Town funding partially supports these services.

**Financial Report**

The actual cost of all services provided in 2016 with all funding sources is \$162,401.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2017, we request an appropriation of \$4,000.00 to continue to be available for home care services in Bennington.

For information about services, residents may call (603) 532-8353 or 1-800-541-4145, or visit [www.HCSservices.org](http://www.HCSservices.org).

Thank you for your continuing support of home care services.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Facebook: Bennington Recreation Committee

The Bennington Recreation Committee is charged with organizing programs and events for residents year-round. Many of the events hosted by the Recreation Committee are free to participants. The Recreation Committee also sponsors outside groups who may charge a fee for membership and/or services.

Ongoing programs include ConVal Martial Arts, 4-H, and Girls Scouts. These programs meet in the Town Hall gymnasium and are open to both residents and non-residents. Membership fees are charged for participation in these programs. New members are welcome at any time throughout the year.

- 4-H: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Each Month (time varies)
- ConVal Martial Arts: Mondays: 5:15pm-6:45pm
- Girl Scouts: Wednesdays: 3:30pm-5pm

An Easter celebration for families was held in the Town Hall gymnasium on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Bennington Congregational Church, Bennington Girl Scouts, and Bennington 4-H Club co-sponsored the event. The celebration included games, crafts, snacks, and treat-filled Easter eggs.

The annual Andy Mackenzie Fishing Derby was held at Cold Spring Pond on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event is hosted by the Bennington Sportsman Club and is open to Bennington residents ages 15 and under. Prizes were awarded to all fishermen.

In conjunction with the GEP Dodge Library Rhubarb Festival on June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Recreation Committee organized a town-wide yard sale. Booths were available at the VFW or residents could have their private yard sales listed on a Town map. Both the booths and listings were free to Bennington residents.

Whittemore Beach was staffed with full-time beach attendants after being unstaffed for the past two years. Attendants raked the beach, cleaned up litter, and assisted beachgoers as needed. The Recreation Committee hopes to continue to staff the beach with attendants and/or lifeguards in the future.

A town-wide Christmas celebration was held on December 4<sup>th</sup> thanks to collaboration with the Bennington Fire Department and Bennington Congregational Church. The day began with Breakfast with Santa upstairs at the Fire Station and ended with a live nativity play and petting zoo on the Town green. The Town Christmas tree was lit at the conclusion of the play. Residents enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate, and baked goods while watching the play.

In addition to the programs and events listed, the Recreation Committee continues to improve the gymnasium at Town Hall, adding several bulletin boards this year to the space for the youth groups to utilize and purchasing a projector for movies and presentations.

The Recreation Committee thanks the volunteers who make recreation activities in Bennington possible and we look forward to additional residents volunteering in the future. New ideas and programs are always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany & Jim Craig, Recreation Committee Co-Chairs



## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

2016 was a busy year for Election workers, starting with an exciting high-turnout Presidential Primary. Election officials are also challenged with keeping up with an increasing number of changes in Election laws imposed by the legislature.

As of this writing, there are 1092 registered voters in Bennington: 269 Democrats, 339 Republicans, and 484 Undeclared. This is a 13% change in the total number of voters: a 30% increase in Democrats, 10% in Republicans, and 8% in Undeclareds. (These numbers will decrease slightly when we record the changes from voters who moved prior to the most recent election.)

On a personal note, we are saddened by the passing of Barbara Moorehead who served as Supervisor of the Checklist for many years. Barbara's presence always brightened up the room and we miss her very much. Whatever afterlife you believe in you can imagine that Barbara is livening up the party there. Barbara would often remind us that her grandmother was a suffragette, working to enfranchise women in the days before they were allowed to vote. Registering voters had personal significance to Barbara, as she felt as though she was continuing her grandmother's legacy.

There has been some talk in political circles about irregularities in voting in New Hampshire: tales of voters flocking across the border to exploit our Same Day voter registration system and skew the election. These are very serious charges as they reflect upon the integrity of every election official in the State - from the Supervisors of the Checklist on up to the Secretary of State. An explanation of how Same Day voter registration works might help to shed some light on these accusations.

When a new voter comes to our table to register the Supervisors ask him or her to present to us proof of domicile. For all intents and purposes, domicile is the same as residence: it is the place where most of your possessions are and where you normally lay your head on your pillow at night (this is actually called the "pillow test" by election officials.) Usually this information is on the voter's driver's license or can be proven by bringing in an electric bill, tax bill, lease agreement, or anything that has both your name and your residence address on it.

Voters who have recently moved and haven't changed their drivers' license can fill out an affidavit with a photo. These affidavits are reported to the Secretary of State and can be used to verify each voter's identity and whether he or she voted in the correct location. All of this can be considered the first line of defense against in-person voter fraud. The second line of defense is reciprocity.

Reciprocity is the process by which voter data is entered into our Statewide voter checklist and checked against all other voters in the State. All of the information that new voters enter on their registration forms is compared to all other registered voters in the State. A cross-comparison of First, Middle, and Last name as well as Date of Birth will bring up any duplicate records in the data base. Voters who have moved and voted in a new town are migrated into the Bennington checklist. Every voter who voted in the current election is bar-code scanned.

These two processes - entering new voters and scanning voter election history - will turn up any voters in-State who voted twice. On top of that, new registrants are warned on their election forms that they will suffer "the pains and penalties of purgery" and a significant fine if they vote fraudulently. In addition to in-State verification, New Hampshire has reciprocity (cross-

comparison of voter registrations) with all of the states in New England and will soon be adding more states to the list with which we share information. Since 2012, only three cases of voter fraud have needed to be prosecuted by the Attorney General's office. This is hardly a horde.

In light of all of the hard work that Election officials do, charges that voters are being bused across State lines to vote are spurious and divisive. But more importantly, if similar charges are used to force Legislative changes that impose more work on election officials for little benefit; changes that can have a chilling effect on legitimate voters exercising a right guaranteed them by the Constitution - these sorts of statements are irresponsible and should be challenged.

It appears that Barbara Moorehead's Grandmother's work is not over.

See you at the polls!

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Gibbons  
Melissa Searles  
Victoria Turner,

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT  
JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2016**

<b>Unpaid Balance January 1, 2016</b>			\$8,729.09
<b>Charges:</b>			
Water Usage	\$57,037.10		
Water Interest	\$489.13		
Sewer Usage	\$32,140.85		
Sewer Interest	\$372.25		
Disconnect/Restore Fees	\$350.00		
Impending Lien Fees	\$228.00		
Water Connection Backflow Tests	\$270.00		
Water Meter Replacement	+ \$175.00		
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>		+ \$91,062.33	<u>\$99,791.42</u>
<b>2016 Credit Carried Forward</b>		-	\$119.98
<b>Prepaid 2017</b>			
Water	\$130.39		
Sewer	<u>\$0.00</u>		
		+	\$130.39
<b>Conversion to Lien</b>			
Water	\$302.90		
Sewer	<u>\$348.35</u>		
		-	\$651.25
<b>Receipts to Treasurer</b>			
Water	\$56,801.68		
Sewer	<u>\$31,839.44</u>		
		-	\$88,641.12
<b>Abatements</b>			
Water	\$65.78		
Sewer	<u>\$0.00</u>		
		-	<u>\$65.78</u>
<b>Unpaid Water &amp; Sewer Charges December 31, 2016</b>			\$10,443.68

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,  
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kristie J. LaPlante  
Tax Collector**



## **BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Bennington Historical Society lost three members this year -Velma Pope, Frank Carrara, and Dorothy Glynn. Each were very valuable to the Society by donating artifacts of their past, local post cards, taking charge of raffles, working dinners and working wherever needed. All three will be greatly missed.

Molly Eppig and MaryEllen Lindsay have joined Linda and Sandy as volunteers at the museum.

During the winter, Painter Jerome Varnum painted the "meeting room," and assisted hanging paintings and artifacts of interest to Bennington for display. New color, new room and new displays! Stop by in the spring to see our displays.

In March, the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Pierce School did a school project called "Then and Now" and involved the Historical Society with the project. The students came for a tour, a discussion, and each picked out one artifact that interested them. Each had to draw a picture of the artifact chosen and write the history about the item after they returned back to school. Students later presented their "Then and Now" project to their parents at the museum, including their art work, and each discussed facts about the artifact they chose.

At a later date, the students had a walking tour of Bennington to learn more about its history. Students shared facts they had researched at each stop.

Molly Eppig has taken on a project of bringing back the Boston Post Cane.

The yard sale in August was a success. Thank you to those that made it possible. Money raised is used for operating expenses.

We are fortunate to have received several gifts in 2016:

David Glynn gifted us \$2,000 from the Bennington Histories that have been sold.

The museum was given an honor roll of men and women from Bennington who served during World War II with pictures and names of each. There are still names of residents for which pictures are needed. Anyone can stop by to view the honor roll and possibly have a suggestion as to where we could get pictures needed to complete. This was started years ago by Postmaster Walter Cleary. He collected photos of each person that went to war and posted them in the Post Office. At a much later date this honor roll became a gift to the VFW. Recently it was updated and given to the Historical Society where it is hanging in the museum forever.

Hattie Parker Edmunds has given the Historical Society an embroidered sampler with family history, births, deaths and marriages dating back to 1773. She also gave a child's tea-set that belonged to her Great-Grandmother dating back to 1885.

John Diamond has done an oil painting of his family's home located on Pierce Hill Road in Bennington and gave it to the Society as a gift. It is hanging in the meeting room of the museum.

A new Apple computer.

The Sidewalk Improvement Project was completed. The Project was started in March and continued through June. There is now a crosswalk from the parking lot to the museum; sidewalks and two street lights were installed close by.

Bennington will be celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in June of 2017.

As always, new members, volunteer's and computer techs are always welcome.

## **BENNINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE**

The Bennington Energy Committee (BEC) was established in 2010 with the charge to help the Town find ways to save energy and thereby save money. A secondary objective is to help the Town's residents save energy. The vision of the BEC is to find ways for the Town to cut energy costs by 50% by 2020. The BEC will examine all aspects of Town energy use, including both indoor and outdoor usage.

This past year, the BEC has been working on reducing the cost of operating the Town's streetlights. Our approach has been two fold – we are looking at replacing the type of lamp as well as analyzing the location of lights to see if some lights can be removed.

Currently, our streets are lit by metal-halide lamps, which are not very efficient. Much of the light generated by the lamp is caught up in the cover of the lamp and does not reach the ground. New technology has created light-emitting diode (LED) lamps that are more efficient, cost less to operate, and have a longer life than metal-halide lamps. LED's can deliver the same illumination as our current lamps but at about half the wattage.

Our estimate shows that after grants, rebates, and lower electric bills, the conversion could be paid for in less than two years. After that, the Town would save approximately 50% on streetlight electricity every year. Further savings can be realized by eliminating existing streetlights that are not needed for safety or esthetic reasons. The Committee is working with the Board of Selectmen to identify such lights.

The new very bright streetlights in front of the Bennington Historical Society were required by the grant that provided funds for the Transportation Enhancement Project. The Energy Committee believes that the lights are far brighter than they need to be. We are trying to determine what level of luminance is required by the grant so that we can reduce the brightness to a more reasonable level.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Eppig  
Peter Eppig  
Peter Martel  
David McKenzie  
Mike Munhall



## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

The Cemetery Trustees have worked on several different projects within the Town cemeteries during 2016. Our focus continues to be the maintenance and preservation of the cemeteries.

Trustee Joshua Segal continued his work this year researching and creating a guide book of Evergreen Cemetery. The purpose of this guide is to document each stone and known background of the individuals. This guide book, along with one for Sunnyside Cemetery, is available at the G.E.P. Dodge Library.

2016 came with some hardships at Sunnyside Cemetery. The Trustees would like to thank Northeast Tree Removal and Stump Grinding for their prompt scheduling and expert work in removing a large tree that was dead and dropping large limbs very close to several cemetery stones.

Along with this tree, the Trustees also needed to remove two sections of fencing around Sunnyside Cemetery along Bible Hill Road that had become structurally unsound. The Trustees have been looking into the cost of replacing the fencing along Bible Hill Road and Eaton Avenue. We are seeking feedback, ideas, and suggestions from the community regarding the fence. Please contact us with your ideas.

In closing, the Trustees would like to recognize the fine work by Jeremy Gagnon in the upkeep and maintenance at Sunnyside and Evergreen Cemeteries. Thank you for keeping our Cemeteries beautiful.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bartlett  
Melissa Clark  
Joshua Segal

## PIERCE SCHOOL PTO

PTO stands for PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION. The definition of PTO is a formal organization that consists of parents, teachers, and school staff working together to enhance and expand the opportunities available to students. While goals may vary from organization to organization, their success relies on the volunteerism of parents and the involvement of the larger community.

In Bennington, our goal has always been to put Pierce students first. It is important to us that our children get to encounter a variety of different experiences. Our school is small and sometimes it is a challenge to get everything done, but our members are devoted to working hard and getting things done. It is our belief that the team effort of a Parent Teacher Organization offers the best possible learning environment for our children.

We are a nonprofit organization and all of our fundraising goes back to our students and teachers. Our biggest fundraiser of the year is our Annual Craft Fair. We really enjoy this fundraiser because we get to invite the community to help raise money for our students. Other fundraisers that we have done are: Read a Thons, coupon books, cookbooks and spring bulbs, just to name a few, and of course we collect Box Tops for Education all year 'round.

Box Tops for Education is a program started by General Mills in 1996 to help support education and benefit America's schools. The program has now expanded to include hundreds of products throughout the grocery store; every Box Top is worth \$.10. The PTO could really use the help from our community. It's super easy – just find a Box Top in your pantry and cut it out. Then drop them off in Bennington at a place you see a Box Top bucket – we have one located at the Transfer Station, Town Office, the Country Store, as well as at the school itself.

As a member of the PTO it brings us great pleasure to be able to give Pierce students opportunities which include Children in the Arts, our Winter Wonderland at the Barbra C Harris Center, popcorn Fridays, Christmas yard sale, and Family Fun Nights. This year we were able to sponsor four kids for the After School Ski Program at Crotched Mountain. We have decided to take our Box Top earnings and purchase several pairs of snow shoes so that we can start a snowshoe club. We help with the field day activities at the end of the school year. We also hold a book swap to help promote summer reading.

Our teachers and staff at Pierce School are a crucial part of our organization. They help promote everything that we want to accomplish. Without them it would be very difficult to achieve our level of greatness.

We look forward to seeing where our future endeavors take us.

**Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
02/14/2016	Lyla Maddie Brown	Peterborough, NH	Jason Brown and Devon Hubert
03/17/2016	Gavin Paul Rogers	Peterborough, NH	Dustin Rogers and Andrea Wenzel
03/22/2016	Elexie Skye Cote	Peterborough, NH	Eric Cote and Eryn Trow
03/24/2016	Fox Avery Robbins	Peterborough, NH	David Robbins Jr. and Velvet Pedersen
04/11/2016	Hadley Warren Craig	Peterborough, NH	James and Bethany Craig
04/15/2016	Oliver Emery Clough	Concord, NH	Donald, Jr. and Danielle Clough
05/25/2016	Lillian Josephine Mae Molloy	Peterborough, NH	Brian Molloy and Kelly Cote
06/13/2016	Makayla Lynn Simmons	Peterborough, NH	Matthew and Elizabeth Simmons
06/30/2016	Clara Elise Regis	Peterborough, NH	Aaron and Jeannette Regis
07/23/2016	Adalynn Marie Johnson	Peterborough, NH	Jamie and Elizabeth Johnson
08/04/2016	Kaiya Emilee Drew	Peterborough, NH	Justin Drew and Carlee Mooney
08/20/2016	Kaiden Allen Gates	Keene, NH	Shawna Gates
10/11/2016	Kye Lewis Voorhees	Peterborough, NH	Christopher Voorhees and Kayla Wilcox
10/26/2016	Brooke Mae Carignan	Peterborough, NH	Robert Jr. and Amanda Carignan

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Debra Belcher*  
Town Clerk



**Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride &amp; Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
04/16/2016	Timothy G Dresser Sarah A Ziman	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
05/20/2016	Dustin W Rogers Andrea M Wenzel	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
07/06/2016	Andrew J Bennion Taylor N Jarest	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/26/2016	Eric T Cote Eryn K Trow	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/11/2016	Brian L Cross Jenny A Lavoie	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/16/2016	Travis J McClure Rebecca S Platt	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH

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*Debra Belcher*  
Town Clerk

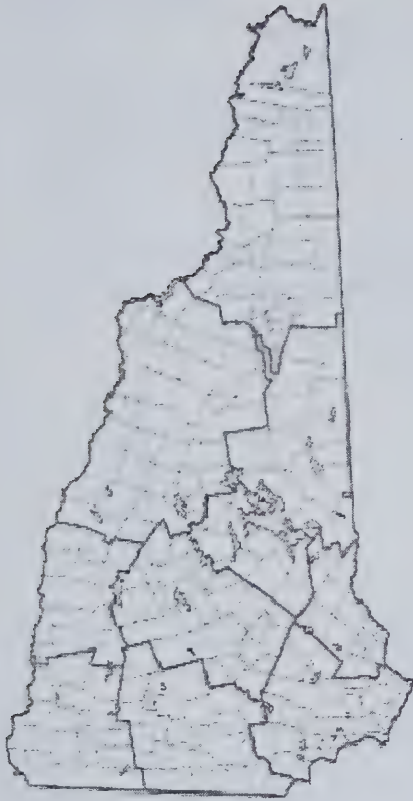
**Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
01/08/2016	Judith Sullivan	Manchester, NH	William Sharby	Janet Barnes
02/15/2016	Linda Stevens	Bennington, NH	Kaskell Orndoff	Margaret Conner
03/31/2016	Vera Spanos	Bennington, NH	John Miner	Doris Smith
04/02/2016	Marion Coffin	Hillsborough, NH	Henry Derosier	Helen Bates
07/14/2016	Ardell Johnson	Peterborough, NH	John Call	Esther Whitcomb
11/19/2016	Harry Clough	Bennington, NH	Ivon Clough	Ellen Miles

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Debra Belcher*  
Town Clerk

# Bennington, NH



## Community Contact

Telephone  
Fax  
E-mail  
Web Site

## Town of Bennington

Denise French, Town Administrator  
7 School Street, Unit 101  
Bennington, NH 03442

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(603) 588-8005  
office@townofbennington.com  
www.townofbennington.com

## Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk: Tuesday,  
8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Thursday, 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Saturday,  
9 am - 12 noon

## County

Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

## Hillsborough

Peterborough, NH LMA  
Monadnock  
Southwest Region  
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
District 5  
District 8  
Hillsborough County Districts 3, 38

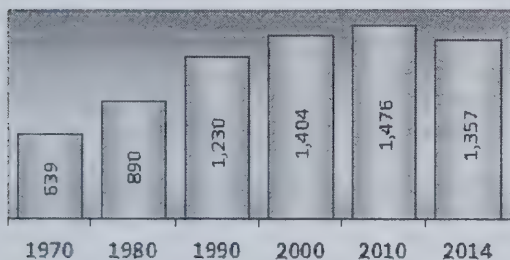
**Incorporated:** 1842

**Origin:** Formed from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Frankestown, in 1842 this community was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington (Vermont), one of the most decisive battles of the Revolution, fought August 14-16, 1777. Bennington was originally a part of Hancock called Factory Village, as there was substantial industry powered by the Great Falls on the Contoocook River. According to the Town of Bennington history, the first papermaking machinery was installed in 1835 near the current Monadnock Paper Mills location.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 541 residents in 1850

**Population Trends:** Population change for Bennington totaled 766 over 54 years, from 591 in 1960 to 1,357 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 39 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 38 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2014 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,357 residents, which ranked 167th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Hillsborough County

**Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau):** 119.6 persons per square mile of land area. Bennington contains 11.4 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>		
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	<b>\$1,812,622</b>	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	<b>\$43,007,104</b>	
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1987/16</b>	
Master Plan	<b>2005</b>	
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>	

#### Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Water &amp; Sewer; Checklist; Zoning</b>	
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Hazard Mitigation Planning; Capital Reserve; Solid Waste</b>	

Public Library **G E P Dodge**

#### EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>	
Fire Department	<b>Part-time &amp; On-Call</b>	
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Part-time</b>	

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Monadnock Community, Peterborough</b>	<b>9 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

#### UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Bennington Water Department</b>	

Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>	

Telephone Company	<b>TDS Telecom</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>

#### PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$30.58</b>
2015 Equalization Ratio	<b>95.5</b>
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$29.36</b>

#### 2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	<b>83.6%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>12.9%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.4%</b>

#### HOUSING (ACS 2010-2014)

Total Housing Units	<b>674</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>485</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>57</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>78</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>54</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2014	<b>1,357</b>	<b>402,776</b>
2010	<b>1,476</b>	<b>400,721</b>
2000	<b>1,404</b>	<b>382,384</b>
1990	<b>1,230</b>	<b>336,549</b>
1980	<b>890</b>	<b>276,608</b>
1970	<b>639</b>	<b>223,941</b>

#### Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>688</b>	Female	<b>669</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>117</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>282</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>231</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>281</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>281</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>165</b>
Median Age	<b>39.6 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>92.7%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>24.2%</b>

#### INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2010-2014)

Per capita income	<b>\$29,105</b>
Median family income	<b>\$75,833</b>
Median household income	<b>\$66,750</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$53,500</b>
Female	<b>\$39,531</b>

Individuals below the poverty level	<b>4.9%</b>
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#### LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	<b>805</b>	<b>791</b>
Employed	<b>778</b>	<b>757</b>
Unemployed	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

#### EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>239</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,126</b>	<b>n</b>

Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>163</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 206</b>	<b>n</b>

Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>402</b>	<b>337</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 754</b>	<b>\$1,024</b>

Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 409</b>	<b>\$ 535</b>

Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>427</b>	<b>358</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 734</b>	<b>\$ 995</b>

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:

**Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francetown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)**District: **SAU 1**

Career Technology Center(s):

**Region 14 Applied Technology Center**Region: **14**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)

Elementary

Middle/Junior High

High School

Private/Parochial

Number of Schools

**1**

Grade Levels

**K 1-4**

Total Enrollment

**66**Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Manchester**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0****LARGEST BUSINESSES****PRODUCT/SERVICE****EMPLOYEES****ESTABLISHED**

Crotched Mt. Ski &amp; Ride Area

Ski - seasonal

250 +/-

2003

Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.

Printing specialty papers

235

1819

Town of Bennington

Municipal services

50

1842

Alberto's Restaurant

Restaurant

26

1945

DH Hardwick &amp; Son's, Inc.

Logging, gravel, and aggregate sales

24

1978

Francetown Sand &amp; Gravel, Inc.

Excavating contractor, gravel sales

10

1972

Common Place Eatery

Restaurant

4

Pierce Elementary School

Education

Harris's 202 Convenience Store

Convenience store, gas station

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**Road Access US Routes **202**State Routes **31, 47**Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-89, Exit 5**Distance **23 miles**Railroad **No**Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

**Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim** Runway **3,260 ft. asphalt**Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **No**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

**Manchester-Boston Regional** Distance **32 miles**Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH **30 miles**Portland, Maine **127 miles**Boston, Mass. **80 miles**New York City, NY **245 miles**Montreal, Quebec **248 miles****COMMUTING TO WORK***(ACS 2010-2014)*

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van **76.7%**Carpooled, car/truck/van **14.4%**Public transportation **0.6%**Walked **1.3%**Other means **0.4%**Worked at home **6.6%**

Mean Travel Time to Work

**30.4 minutes****Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014**Working in community of residence **17.6**Commuting to another NH community **80.1**Commuting out-of-state **2.3****RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS****X** Municipal Parks

YMCA/YWCA

Boys Club/Girls Club

Golf Courses

Swimming: Indoor Facility

Swimming: Outdoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility

Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility

Bowling Facilities

Museums

Cinemas

Performing Arts Facilities

**X** Tourist Attractions**X** Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)**X** Youth Sports: Baseball**X** Youth Sports: Soccer

Youth Sports: Football

Youth Sports: Basketball

Youth Sports: Hockey

Campgrounds

**X** Fishing/Hunting

Boating/Marinas

**X** Snowmobile Trails**X** Bicycle Trails

Cross Country Skiing

**X** Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

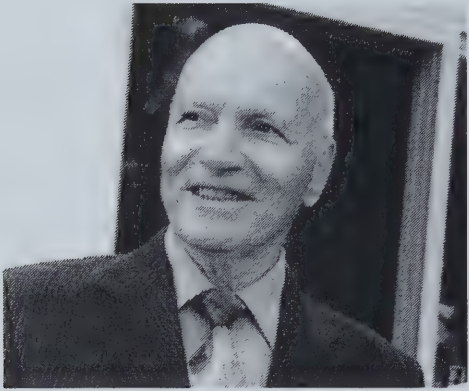
Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Crotched Mountain**

Other:

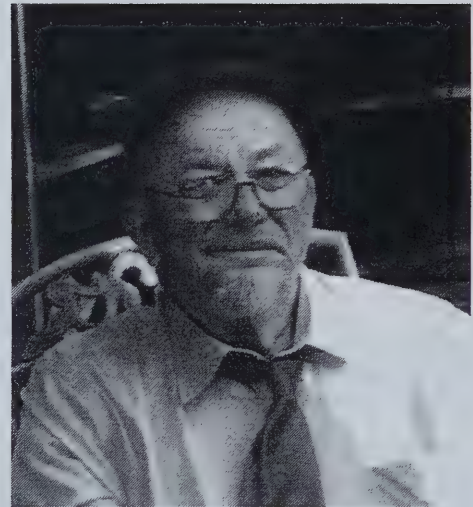
## ...In Memory of Those Town

We commemorate the following public servants community. We salute the honor of these devoted people upon whom



Francesco "Frank" Carrara  
1930-2016

Frank served the community in many ways; among them as a member of the Budget Committee, Trustee of the Trust Funds and as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. For many years, prior to the Town engaging a professional auditing firm, Frank and a fellow community member performed the annual audit of the Town's financial records. Many a weekend every year they painstakingly reviewed financial information. Frank was also a member of the Bennington Fire Department and helped to build the existing fire station which was undertaken by the Department at zero cost to the Town.



Harry Clough  
1936-2016

A Bennington native, Harry was a lifelong construction worker and business owner and was valued member of the Fire Department. Harry enjoyed helping others; his passions were hunting and fishing.



## Servants We Lost in 2016...

who gave freely of themselves for the good of the residents who were each a part of the group of small towns are dependent.



Vera Spanos  
1925-2016

Vera served her community as Deputy Town Clerk. She was a kind and gentle soul with a zest for life. Vera was an accomplished seamstress who also enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, bird watching and gardening.



Barbara Moorehead  
1930-2016

Barbara cheerfully served her community as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and later as a Supervisor of the Checklist. Her thoughtful participation with the ZBA is a tribute to her character. Barbara genuinely enjoyed working with the public in her position of Supervisor of the Checklist. Her infectious smile will be missed.



# Get a Ride...

## Volunteer Driver Program

**CVTC's** Volunteer Drivers provide "no fee" transportation for people who do not have access to transportation because of age, ability, economic situation or other limiting circumstances. Our trip purposes include non-emergency medical & social service appointments, as well as trips to the grocery store and the pharmacy.

In addition to the 13 towns we serve in the Eastern Monadnock Region – **Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Franchetown, Greenfield, Greenville, Hancock, Jaffrey, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Rindge, Sharon, and Temple** – we are now adding all the towns in the Western Monadnock Region: **Alstead, Chesterfield, Fitzwilliam, Gilsom, Harrisville, Hinsdale, Keene, Marlborough, Marlow, Nelson, Richmond, Roxbury, Stoddard, Sullivan, Surry, Swanzey, Troy, Walpole, Westmoreland, and Winchester.**

### Our Riders report that since getting rides through CVTC, they:

- ▶ feel less of a burden on family and friends
- ▶ are able to remain independent
- ▶ do not hesitate in making necessary medical or social service appointments
- ▶ eat healthier meals
- ▶ feel less anxious
- ▶ are satisfied with CVTC's services

### QUOTES FROM RIDERS:

*CVTC gave me back my life and my mobility. Thanks for all the help you give us and for the wonderful volunteer drivers.*

*I feel less isolated. CVTC is a godsend.*

*I enjoy helping people who cannot drive themselves. . . . It is easy to go online and select the rides that fit in my schedule.*

– Linda, Volunteer Driver

# Give a Ride...

## Become a Volunteer Driver

**CVTC gives HOPE with every mile YOU drive.**

CVTC is looking to enroll Volunteer Drivers to get people where they need to go. If you have some time now and then to give someone a ride, we'd enjoy hearing from you.

### Key information about becoming a CVTC Volunteer Driver

- ▶ Drivers use their own vehicles
- ▶ Must carry a minimum of \$100,000/\$300,000 liability on car insurance
- ▶ Once vetted, we provide an orientation and training on TripList, our online trip management system
- ▶ If you don't use a computer, our staff will help select trips and complete monthly mileage log
- ▶ Select the trips that match your availability
- ▶ See details of the trip you selected on TripList, including helpful information about each rider (uses a cane or walker, etc.)
- ▶ Choose to receive monthly mileage reimbursement at \$0.41 per mile (provided by federal funds)
- ▶ Receive daily email reminders about open trips
- ▶ Receive 15% discount at Valvoline Instant Oil Change (Keene and Rindge)
- ▶ Receive monthly newsletter "Transportation for Everyone"

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– Linda, Volunteer Driver

*By performing acts of service we can shape a nation big enough and bold enough to accommodate the hopes of all our people. Across our country, volunteers open doors of opportunity, pave avenues of success, fortify their communities and lay the foundation for tomorrow's growth and prosperity.*

–2014 Presidential Proclamation,  
National Volunteer Week



*Ruth Lambert (right), Volunteer Driver, and her riders arrive at Band Wellness Center for physical therapy appointments.*



## **TOWN OF BENNINGTON**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**588-2189**

Town Hall	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Available during Town Hall office hours
Town Clerk	Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Welfare Director	By appointment

### **MEETING SCHEDULES**

Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. <i>at the VFW</i>
Energy Committee	First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. <i>at the Library</i>
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Recreation Committee	As needed, with proper notice
Selectmen	Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Trustees of Trust Funds	As needed, with proper notice
Water/Sewer Commissioners	As needed, with proper notice
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

**588-6585**

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### **RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

**588-3407**

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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